

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 23, "PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT," OF THE ABILENE MUNICIPAL CODE, BY REPEALING SUBPARTS B, D & E; REPEALING THE "SIDEWALK MASTER PLAN"; AND ADOPTING THE "CITY OF ABILENE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE" AS SET OUT BELOW; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; DECLARING A PENALTY AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING.

WHEREAS, currently the rules and regulation governing development within the City of Abilene are dividing among the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Ordinance, Mobile Home Parks Ordinance, and the Sidewalk Master Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the current Zoning Ordinance was originally adopted on March 8, 1984; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Abilene adopted the City of Abilene Comprehensive Plan on January 22, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, the adopted Comprehensive Plan calls for the unification of development regulations into a Land Development Code for the City of Abilene; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Land Development Code Review Committee were tasked with reviewing and recommending a Land Development Code for adoption by the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission made a formal recommendation for adoption to the City Council on February 1, 2010; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Abilene that development in the City of Abilene be regulated by a unified Land Development Code,

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, that:

PART 1: That Chapter 23 "Planning and Community Development" (Ordinance 28-1984), Subparts B "Mobile Home Parks" (Ordinance 45-1986), D & E "Subdivisions" and "Zoning" (Ordinance 34-1983), of the Code of the City of Abilene, Texas, are hereby repealed, replaced and amended as set forth in Exhibit A, attached and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.

PART 2: That Ordinance No. 39-2006 setting forth the Sidewalk Master Plan regulations of the City of Abilene is hereby repealed and replaced as set forth in Exhibit A, attached and made a part of this ordinance for all purposes.

- PART 3:** That the current zoning districts be modified as set out in Exhibit B, attached hereto and made part of this ordinance for all purposes.
- PART 4:** That if the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall not effect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision, or clause of this ordinance.
- PART 5:** That any person, firm, or corporation violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to have committed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in accordance with Chapter 1 (Section 1-9) of the Code of the City of Abilene.
- PART 6:** Each day such violation shall continue, or be permitted to continue, shall be deemed a separate offense. Said ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective June 1, 2010, said date being more than ten (10) days after its publication in the newspaper, as provided by Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Abilene.

PASSED ON FIRST READING this 8th day of April, A.D. 2010.

A notice of the time and place, where and when said ordinance would be given a public hearing and considered for final passage, was published in the Abilene Reporter-News, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the City of Abilene, said publication being on the 10th day of February, 2010, the same being more than fifteen (15) days prior to a public hearing to be held in the Council Chamber of the City Hall in Abilene, Texas, at 8:30 a.m., on the 22nd day of April, 2010, to permit the public to be heard prior to final consideration of this ordinance. Said ordinance, being a penal ordinance, becomes effective June 1, 2010, said date being more than ten (10) days after its publication in the newspaper, as provided by Section 19 of the Charter of the City of Abilene.

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING THIS 22nd day of April, A.D. 2010.

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY


MAYOR

APPROVED:

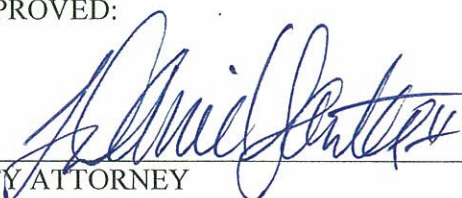

CITY ATTORNEY

EXHIBIT "B"

The following details the changes to the zoning districts from the current City of Abilene Zoning Ordinance to the proposed Land Development Code.

NO CHANGE:

- AO Agricultural Open Space district
- RR-5 Rural Residential, lot minimum equal to or greater than 5 acres
- RR-1 Rural Residential, lot minimum equal to or greater than 1 acre
- RS-12 Residential Single-Family district, 12,000 foot lot minimum
- RS-8 Residential Single-Family district, 8,000 square foot lot minimum
- RS-6 Residential Single-Family district, 6,000 square foot lot minimum
- O Office district
- MU Medical Use district
- CB Central Business district
- GC General Commercial district¹
- HC Heavy Commercial district
- LI Light Industrial district
- HI Heavy Industrial district
- COR Corridor Overlay district
- H Historic Overlay district

¹ The proposed GC General Commercial district is a more intensive district than the current GC district. The intent is for much of the area currently zoned GC to be rezoned to the new GR General Retail district. However, until these rezonings are accomplished, all GC zoned areas will remain GC under the proposed ordinance.

ADD:

- PH Residential Single-Family Patio Home district
- TH Residential Townhome district
- MD Residential Medium Density district
- MF Residential Multi-Family district
- NO Neighborhood Office district
- NR Neighborhood Retail district
- GR General Retail district
- MX Mixed Use district
- NCO Neighborhood Conservation Overlay district
- ACO Activity Center Overlay district
- PD Planned Development District

CHANGE:

- RM-3 Residential Multi-Family district 3 to MD Residential Medium Density district
- RM-2 Residential Multi-Family district 2 to MF Residential Multi-Family district
- RM-1 Residential Multi-Family district 1 to MF Residential Multi-Family district
- MH Mobile Home district to MH Manufactured/Mobile Home district
- CU College University district to CU College and University district
- LC Limited Commercial district to NR Neighborhood Retail district
- SC Shopping Center district to GR General Retail district
- PH Patio Home overlay zone to PH Residential Single-Family Patio Home district²
- MX Mixed Use overlay zone to MX Mixed Use district³
- PI Park Industrial district to LI Light Industrial district

² This converts the PH district from an overlay district to a standard zoning district. This change will result in changes to the underlying zoning of any area currently zoned with a PH overlay.

³ This converts the MX district from an overlay district to a standard zoning district. This change will result in changes to the underlying zoning of any area currently zoned with a MX overlay.

ELIMINATE:

- LC Limited Commercial district
- SC Shopping Center district
- PI Park Industrial district
- PH Patio Home overlay zone
- MRH Modular Home overlay zone

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