

## **ORDINANCE NO. 35 OF 2018**

### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE BY ADDING SECTION 4.3.3 AND SECTION 5.7.4, BARKSDALE BOULEVARD REDEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT.**

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Bossier City that Barksdale Boulevard within the proposed Barksdale Boulevard Redevelopment Overlay District (the “District”), be enhanced and improved to strengthen its economic vitality, preserve its commercial character, enhance visual appeal, improve motorist and pedestrian safety, and encourage new investment and redevelopment within the District;

**WHEREAS**, Sec. 1.5.8 of the Unified Development Code states that a specific purpose of the Code is to “Protect designated corridors and maintain desirable and unique neighborhood character and integrity within the City and Parish by establishing Corridor and Neighborhood Conservation Conditional Use Overlay Districts and by establishing such regulations related to the maintenance of quality use, aesthetic, and environmental standards as may be found to be appropriate;” and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, following a recommendation by the Bossier-City Metropolitan Planning Commission, desires to create the **Barksdale Boulevard Redevelopment Overlay District (B-BROD)**;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of Bossier City, Louisiana, in regular session convened, that there is hereby created the Barksdale Boulevard Redevelopment Overlay District, by enacting Section 4.3.3 and Section 5.7.4 of the Unified Development Code be amended to read as follows:

#### **4.3.3 Barksdale Boulevard Redevelopment Overlay District (B-BROD)**

The purpose of the Barksdale Boulevard Redevelopment Overlay District (B-BROD) is to preserve and improve the economic vitality of the corridor, preserve its commercial character, enhance its visual appeal, improve motorist and pedestrian safety, and encourage new investment and redevelopment within the B-BROD;

(Overlay District boundaries and site maps available in the MPC office.)

#### **5.7.4 Barksdale Boulevard Redevelopment Overlay District (B-BROD)**

Existing uses, structures, and sites shall be subject to the provisions of Article 7, Nonconformities, of the Unified Development Code.

The uses within the B-BROD shall follow the development standards of the B-3 General Business District as stated in Article 6, District Development Standards, of the Unified Development Code.

The following additional criteria shall be included as conditions for new developments within B-BROD which are not subject to the provisions of Article 7, Nonconformities, of the Unified Development Code:

- A. In addition to any landscaping and buffering requirements contained in Sections 13.7, 13.8, and 13.9 a 20 foot wide bufferyard / landscaping strip shall be provided and maintained on the Barksdale Boulevard frontage. A bufferyard is defined as a unit of land together with required landscaping which may be required between land uses to eliminate or minimize conflicts between them.
- B. New driveways along Barksdale Boulevard shall be limited to a maximum width of 35 feet, subject to all requirements and approvals of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
- C. A reduction in parking requirements shall be provided as an incentive for existing developed sites to install or provide cross-access easements. Existing sites which add cross-access easements shall be given a 20 percent reduction in required parking spaces and exempt from replacing parking eliminated by the cross-access easement.

Motion was made by Mr. Scott Irwin, seconded by Mr. David Montgomery, Jr., to adopt on the 1st, day of May, 2018, by the following vote:

AYES: Mr. Montgomery, Jr., Mr. Larkin, Mr. Irwin, Mr. Darby, Mr. Williams, Mr. Free and Mr. Harvey

NAYS: none

ABSENT: none

ABSTAIN: none

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**Jeffery D. Darby, President**

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**Phyllis McGraw, City Clerk**