

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS, AMENDING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS AS HERETOFORE AMENDED BY AMENDING SECTIONS 7200.B.19 AND 20 OF SAID ORDINANCE REGARDING CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY OF FINE NOT TO EXCEED THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) FOR EACH OFFENSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the governing body of the City of Mansfield, Texas, in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas with reference to the amendment of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Mansfield, Texas (hereinafter “the Zoning Ordinance”), have given the requisite notices by publication and otherwise, and after holding due hearings and affording a full and fair hearing to all property owners generally and to all interested citizens, the governing body of the City is of the opinion and finds that the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance should be amended;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS:

SECTION 1.

That Paragraphs 19 and 20, Subsection B of Section 7200 of the Zoning Ordinance are hereby amended to read as follows:

“19. No vehicle shall be parked on a lot or tract occupied by a single-family dwelling, two-family dwelling or townhouse, unless the area upon which such vehicle is parked is paved with a concrete surface. Except for expansion joints, the paved concrete surface must be constructed as a solid, continuous span of concrete from edge to edge of the paved parking area. However, a paved parking area shall not be required for a vehicle parked in a side or rear yard enclosed by an opaque screening fence at least six (6) feet in height or complies with Section 7200.B.21 below.

20. Additional Residential Driveway Standards:

- a. The maximum width of a paved driveway devoted to off-street parking in the front yard or side yard with street frontage of a lot occupied by a single-family dwelling shall not exceed twenty (20) feet plus a paved extension into the yard between the driveway and the nearest property line, not to exceed twelve (12) feet in width. Except for expansion joints, the paved extension must be constructed as a solid, continuous span of concrete from the edge of the driveway to the furthest edge of the paved extension.

- b. An existing lawful nonconforming driveway that does not conform with the requirements in Paragraph 19 above may be extended into the yard between the driveway and the nearest property line, not to exceed twelve (12) feet in width, using the same materials as the existing driveway (e.g. gravel, paver, etc.). However, an existing parking area of entirely grass cannot be extended unless the extension conforms with the pavement requirements in Sub-paragraph (a) above.
- c. Circular driveways shall not exceed sixteen (16) feet in width.
- d. All residential drive approaches shall be constructed to the width and construction standards established by the City Engineering Department.”

SECTION 2.

That all ordinances of the City in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed and all other ordinances of the City not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3.

Should any paragraph, sentence, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any part or provision thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Zoning Ordinance as a whole.

SECTION 4.

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or the Zoning Ordinance, as amended hereby, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction in the Municipal Court of the City of Mansfield, Texas, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense, and each and every day any such violation shall continue shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage on third and final reading and the publication of the caption, as the law and charter in such cases provide.

First reading approved on the _____ day of _____, 2014.

Second reading approved on the _____ day of _____, 2014.

DULY PASSED on the third and final reading by the City Council of the City of Mansfield, Texas, this _____ day of _____, 2014.

David L. Cook, Mayor

ATTESwT:

Vicki Collins, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

Allen Taylor, City Attorney