

Zoning code text amendments adopted by the City Council in recent years are summarized below. This document does not include interim ordinances or zoning map amendments. Information about specific ordinance language adopted by the City Council can be found at the following link: <http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/proceedings/index.htm>

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2015

Refuse Storage Containers

Ordinance No. 2015-Or-005 (adopted 4/3/2015). This amendment allows flexibility in the placement of household refuse containers. (Chapter 535).

Floor Area Calculations

Ordinance No. 2015-Or-014, -015 (adopted 5/15/2015). This amendment provides additional flexibility regarding the extent to which a basement may extend above natural grade before it is counted as gross floor area. This change is applicable in the residence and office residence districts (Chapters 546 and 547).

Telecommunication Towers

Ordinance No. 2015-Or-049 (adopted 6/19/2015). This amendment revises the regulations for telecommunications towers, antennas, and base units in the public right-of-way (Chapter 535).

Hotels and Bed and Breakfast Establishments

Ordinance No. 2015-Or-056, -57, -58, -59, -60 (adopted 7/10/2015). This amendment establishes two categories for hotels, revises the specific development standards for hotels and bed and breakfast establishments, and revises the zoning districts in which hotels and bed and breakfast establishments are allowed (Chapters 536, 547, 548, 549, and 550).

Off-Street Parking Requirements for Multiple-Family Dwellings

Ordinance No. 2015-Or-061, (adopted 7/10/2015). This amendment reduces the minimum off-street parking requirements for multi-family residential uses (3 units or greater) in close proximity to transit service (Chapters 541 and 551).

Conversion of Structures Back to Single- or Two-family Homes

Ordinance No. 2015-Or-077, -078 (adopted 8/21/2015). This amendment allows existing buildings to be converted into single- or two-family homes in the R5, R6, OR2, and OR3 zoning districts (Chapters 546 and 547).

60/40 Liquor Regulations

Ordinance No. 2015-Or-083 (adopted 9/25/2015). This amendment removed a regulation for sit down restaurants which limited the proportion of total gross sales from alcohol to no more than 40 percent, reflecting recent changes to the City Charter (Chapter 536).

Small-Scale Grain Milling

Ordinance No. 2015-Or-99, -100 (adopted 12/11/2015). This amendment establishes regulations for small-scale grain milling and allows small-scale grain milling as a permitted use in all Industrial districts (Chapters 536 and 550).

Commercial Sizes, Limited Production and Processing

Ordinance No. 2015-Or-101, -102, -103, -104, -105, -106 (adopted 12/11/2015). This amendment increases the allowed size of commercial uses in the CI and C3A zoning districts, overhauls the regulations for limited production and processing uses, and changes the regulations for retail sales and services in the Office Residence districts (Chapters 520, 527, 536, 547, 548, and 549).

Emergency Overnight Shelters

Ordinance No. 2015-Or-107, -108, -109, -110, -111, -112, -113, -114, -115 (adopted 12/11/2015). This amendment authorizes shelters as a principal use, establishes three shelter categories, as well as specific development standards for each shelter type, and clarifies which zoning districts allow them as permitted or conditional uses (Chapters 520, 536, 537, 541, 546, 547, 548, 549, and 551).

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2014

Roof signs

Ordinance No. 2014-Or-014 (adopted 3/28/2014). This amendment authorizes roof signs in selected zoning districts. (Chapter 543).

Outdoor Sales & Display

Ordinance No. 2014-Or-027, -028, -029, -030, -031 (adopted 6/13/2014). This amendment creates additional flexibility regarding sale and display of goods outside of business establishments. (Chapters 525, 548, 549, 550, and 551).

Donation Collection Bins

Ordinance No. 2014-Or-040 (adopted 7/18/2014). This amendment transfers the regulation of donation collection bins to Business Licensing and was adopted concurrently with changes to Title 13, Licenses and Business Regulations. (Chapter 537).

Farmstands

Ordinance No. 2014-Or-74, -75, -76, -77 (adopted 9/19/2014). This amendment removes the requirement for a temporary use permit and creates additional flexibility in the development standards for farmstands. (Chapters 520, 535, 536, and 537).

1-4 Unit Residential Infill Development

Ordinance No. 2014-Or-054, -055, -056, -057, -058, -059, -060, -061, -062, -063 (adopted 8/29/2014; effective date: 10/1/2014). This amendment revises regulations related to 1-4 unit residential development, including but not limited to site plan review standards, maximum height, setbacks, lot coverage, and impervious surfaces. (Chapters 520, 525, 530, 531, 535, 541, 546, 547, 548, and 551).

Secondhand Goods in the C3A District

Ordinance No. 2014-Or-089 (adopted 10/17/2014). This amendment authorizes additional flexibility regarding the sale of secondhand goods in the C3A, Community Activity Center District, eliminating the restriction that limited such uses to the sale of clothing and related accessories. (Chapter 548).

University Area Overlay District

Ordinance No. 2014-Or-090 (adopted 10/17/2014). This amendment revises regulations for residential uses in the UA, University Area Overlay District. (Chapter 551).

Plain Language Charter Revisions

Ordinance No. 2014-Or-109 (adopted 12/5/2014). This amendment incorporates technical changes pertaining to the City Planning Commission, adopted in conjunction with Plain Language Charter Revisions. (Chapters 530, 536, 546, 547, 548, 549).

Accessory Dwelling Units

Ordinance No. 2014-Or-116, -117, -118, -119, -120, -121, -122 (adopted 12/5/2014). This amendment establishes regulations for accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and authorizes ADUs accessory to single- and two-family dwellings citywide. (Chapters 520, 521, 525, 535, 537, 541 and 551).

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2013

Nicollet/Franklin Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-037 (adopted 3/29/2013). This amendment revises the regulations related to parking lots in the Nicollet Franklin area Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District. (Chapter 551).

Blood/Plasma Collection Facilities

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-050, -051, -052, -053 (adopted 5/10/2013). This amendment revises regulations for blood/plasma collection facilities. (Chapter 536, 547, 548, 549).

Exhibition/Temporary Markets

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-058, -059, -060, -061, -062 (adopted 5/24/2013). This amendment defines exhibition or temporary markets (e.g., flea markets) and allows this use as a temporary use with specific development standards. (Chapters 530, 525, 535, 536, and 543).

Residential Density

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-083, -084, -085, -086, -087 (adopted 10/04/2013). This amendment eliminates residential density requirements in the R5 and R6 Multiple-family districts and in the Office-Residence, Commercial, and Industrial Living Overlay districts and changed the maximum floor area ratio for cluster developments. (Chapters 527, 546, 547, 548 and 551).

Sports and Health Facilities

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-093, -094, -095, -096, -097, -098 (adopted 11/12/2013). This amendment revises regulations related to sports and health facilities to eliminate the distinction between major and minor sports and health facilities. (Chapters 520, 547, 548, 549, 550, and 551).

Park Dedication

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-099 (adopted 12/06/2013). This amendment revises the parkland dedication requirements in the subdivision ordinance to conform to recently adopted state law. (Chapter 598).

Personnel Titles

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-222, -223, -224, -225, -226, -227 (adopted 12/06/2013). This amendment revises personnel titles in the zoning code, subdivision ordinance and preservation ordinance to reflect the departmental reorganization. (Chapters 520, 525, 543, 544, 598, and 599).

Assisted Living

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-229, -230 (adopted 12/06/2013). This amendment expands locations in which board and care homes, nursing home facilities and assisted living facilities are allowed. (Chapters 520 and 548).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 520, Introductory Provisions

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-239 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment revises the definitions of "limited entertainment" and "primary building wall. (Chapter 520).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 527, Planned Unit Development

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-242 (adopted 12/13/2013). The amendments to the planned unit development chapter address minor clarifications over processes that have arisen since the chapter's adoption in 2009. (Chapter 527).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 530, Site Plan Review

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-243 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment eliminates the building placement exemption and parking location exemption for uses in the C3S, Community Shopping Center district. Buildings in this district will now be subject to the 8-foot maximum setback requirement and parking is required to be located to the rear or interior side of the site, within the principal building served, or entirely below grade. (Chapter 530).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 535, Regulations of General Applicability

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-244 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment clarifies the interior side yard side yard setback requirement for multiple-family dwellings with a side-facing principal entrance,

amends the permitted obstructions table and revises the requirements for solar energy systems to include performance standards for minimizing glare from the reflector. (Chapter 535).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 537, Accessory Uses and Structures

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-245 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment clarifies that surface parking must only be set back a minimum of six feet from any habitable space within a dwelling. (Chapter 537).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 541, Off-Street Parking and Loading

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-246 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment revises the maximum parking requirement for K-12 schools, adds a parking requirement for art studios, revises the minimum driveway width for single- and two-family dwellings and clarifies the density bonus awarded in downtown districts for placing all required parking underground. (Chapter 541).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 546, Residence Districts

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-248 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment makes child care centers a permitted use in all residence districts and clarifies the “front yard increase” requirement. (Chapter 546).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 547, Office-Residence Districts

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-249 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment makes child care centers, early childhood learning centers, preschools, development achievement centers and educational arts centers permitted uses in in the ORI district. The amendment also adds building bulk for medical and dental laboratories and blood/plasma collection facilities and clarifies the “front yard increase” requirement. (Chapter 547).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 548, Commercial Districts

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-250 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment eliminates the 20,000 square foot maximum lot size in the CI district and makes development achievement centers a permitted use in the CI district. The amendment also reduces the transitional front yard setback requirement from the first 40 feet to the first 25 feet where a street frontage includes property zoned as a residence or office-residence district and property zoned as a commercial district, or where a street frontage includes structures used for permitted or conditional residential purposes. Clarifying language has also been added for the side yard setback requirement. (Chapter 548).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 549, Downtown Districts

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-251 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment reduces the transitional front yard setback requirement from the first 40 feet to the first 25 feet where a street frontage includes property zoned as a residence or office-residence district and property zoned as a commercial district, or where a street frontage includes structures used for permitted or conditional residential purposes and clarifying language has been added for the side yard setback requirement. (Chapter 550).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 550, Industrial Districts

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-252 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment makes veterinary clinics a permitted use in the II, Light Industrial district. The amendment also reduces the transitional front yard setback requirement from the first 40 feet to the first 25 feet where a street frontage includes

property zoned as a residence or office-residence district and property zoned as an industrial district, or where a street frontage includes structures used for permitted or conditional residential purposes. Clarifying language has also been added for the side yard setback requirement. (Chapter 549).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 551, Overlay Districts

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-253 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment eliminates the 20-foot maximum driveway width in the Pedestrian Oriented Overlay district. Language has also been added to clarify that bike racks in the University Area Overlay district are only permitted obstructions in required yards for uses other than 1-4 unit dwellings, as allowed in Table 545-I, Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards. (Chapter 548).

Omnibus Amendment- Housekeeping

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-240, -241, -247 (adopted 12/13/2013). General housekeeping amendments have been made throughout the zoning code chapters to clarify confusing provisions, codify existing interpretations and correct typographical errors in the zoning ordinance. (Chapters 521, 525, and 543).

Omnibus Amendment- Chapter 598, Land Subdivision

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-238 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment includes minor clarifications regarding processes that have arisen since the chapter adoption in 1995. These include revising certain definitions to reflect administrative practice and state statute, revising the standards for platting outlots, further defining the lot line adjustment and tax parcel split processes, clarifying the application process for plats and registered land surveys, clarifying the design standards for subdivisions, updating official and department names in the ordinance to reflect current department and position names, and revising the variance standard for subdivision variances. (Chapter 598).

Roof Signs

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-234 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment changes regulations pertaining to roof mounted signs in the Nicollet Mall Overlay District. (Chapter 551).

Massage

Ordinance No. 2013-Or-235, -236, -237 (adopted 12/13/2013). This amendment changes regulations pertaining to massage so that it is no longer considered an adult use. The use will be regulated through the business licensing process. (Chapters 520, 548, and 549).

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2012

Film, Video and Audio Production

Ordinance No. 2012-Or-011 and -012 (adopted 3/8/2012). This amendment allows for film, video and audio production as a permitted use in the Commercial Districts and establishes specific development standards for these uses. (Chapters 536 and 548).

Urban Agriculture

Ordinance No. 2012-Or-016, 017, 018, 019, 020, 021, 022, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027 (adopted 03/30/2012). This amendment implements the policies of the Urban Agriculture Policy Plan. (Chapters 520, 530, 535, 536, 537, 541, 543, 546, 547, 548, 549, and 550).

Fees

Ordinance No. 2012-Or-014 and -015 (adopted 3/30/2012). This amendment adjusts the fees for specific land use and subdivision applications and establishes fees for new application types. (Chapter 525 and 598).

Length of Approvals

Ordinance No. 2012-Or-053 and 057 (adopted 8/3/2012). This amendment extends the length of time for which a decision from the Zoning Administrator or Planning Director or zoning approval granted by the City Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, or City Council are valid. (Chapter 525).

Secondhand Goods Stores

Ordinance No. 2012-Or-054, -055 (adopted 8/3/2012). This amendment eliminates all spacing requirements related to secondhand goods uses. (Chapters 536 and 537).

Automated Dispensing of Gasoline

Ordinance No. 2012-Or-056 (adopted 8/3/2012). This amendment allows unattended, automated dispensing of gasoline or other engine fuel. (Chapters 536).

Window Requirements for Film, Video and Audio Production Uses

Ordinance No. 2012-Or-063 (adopted 9/21/2012). This amendment establishes an exception to the minimum window requirement for film, video, and audio production uses. (Chapter 536).

Currency Exchange Regulations

Ordinance No. 2012-Or-064, -065, -066, -067, -068 (adopted 9/21/2012). This amendment revises regulations for payday lending establishments, including currency exchanges and industrial loan and thrift operations. (Chapters 520, 536, 541, 548, and 549).

Supportive Housing

Ordinance No. 2012-Or-084, -085 (adopted 12/14/2012). This amendment revises the definition and development standards for supportive housing uses, including revisions to the spacing requirements. (Chapters 520 and 536).

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2011

Solar Energy Systems

Ordinance No. 2011-Or-008, 009, 010, 011, 012, 013, 014 (adopted 2/11/2011). This amendment creates more detailed standards governing the installation of solar energy systems. (Chapters 535, 537, 546, 547, 548, and 550).

Hours Open to the Public

Ordinance No. 2011-Or-030, 031, 032, 033, 034, 035, 036 (adopted 4/1/2011). This amendment eliminates most zoning code references to hours open to the public. The authority for the enforcement of hours of operation and extended hours of operation will be transferred from the zoning code to License and Consumer Services. (Chapters 536, 546, 547, 548, 549, and 550).

Donation Collection Bins

Ordinance No. 2011-Or-056 and 057 (adopted 7/1/2011). This amendment allows donation collection bins as an accessory use and establishes development standards for this accessory use. (Chapters 525 and 537).

Variances

Ordinance No. 2011-Or-059 and 060 (adopted 7/22/2011). This amendment revises the required findings for variances to align with a recent change in state law. (Chapters 520 and 525).

B4N Downtown Neighborhood District

Ordinance No. 2011-Or-061, 062, 063, 064 065 and 066 (adopted 7/22/2011). This amendment establishes the B4N Downtown Neighborhood District to provide an environment that promotes the development of higher density neighborhoods surrounding the Downtown office core with a variety of goods and services to support Downtown living. (Chapters 521, 541, 543, 549, and 551).

Catering

Ordinance No. 2011-Or-083 (adopted 9/2/2011). This amendment expands the locations where catering is a permitted accessory use. (Chapter 537).

Fees

Ordinance No. 2011-Or-086 (adopted 9/2/2011). This amendment adjusts the fees for specific land use applications and establishes fees for new application types. (Chapter 525).

Pedestrian Oriented Overlay Districts

Ordinance No. 2011-Or-120 (adopted 12/9/2011). This amendment identifies additional Pedestrian Oriented Overlay districts as Transit Station Areas. (Chapter 551).

Conditional Use Permits for Multiple-Family Dwellings

Ordinance No. 2011-Or-086 (adopted 12/16/2011). This amendment eliminates the conditional use permit application requirement for multiple-family residential uses with five or more dwelling units. (Chapters 530, 546, 547, 548).

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2010

On-premise and Off-Premise Signs

Ordinance No. 2010-Or-001 and 002 (adopted 1/15/2010). This amendment addresses a number of housekeeping items for on-premise and off-premise sign provisions. (Chapter 543 and 544).

Compensation of City Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment Members

Ordinance No. 2010-Or-009 (adopted 2/26/2010). This amendment adjusts the compensation of City Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment members, consistent with the adopted 2010 budget. (Chapter 525).

Radio and Television Stations

Ordinance No. 2010-Or-014 and 015 (adopted 4/2/2010). This amendment allows for radio or television stations as permitted uses in the CI Neighborhood Commercial District, and establishes specific development standards for these uses. (Chapters 536 and 548).

Overnight Shelters

Ordinance No. 2010-Or-016 and 017 (adopted 4/2/2010). This amendment allows overnight shelters as a principal use in specific geographic areas within downtown. (Chapters 520 and 551).

Pump Island Canopy Lighting

Ordinance No. 2010-Or-044 (adopted 4/16/2010). This amendment modifies the lighting standards of service area pump island canopies, instituting a maximum illumination level. (Chapter 536).

Definitions

Ordinance No. 2010-Or-053, 054, 055, 056, 057 and 058 (adopted 5/28/2010). This amendment revises existing zoning code definitions, establishes new definitions, amends provisions referencing revised definitions accordingly, and amends the tables of permitted and conditional uses accordingly. (Chapters 520, 546, 547, 548, 549, and 550).

Permeable and Pervious Pavement Systems

Ordinance No. 2010-Or-078 (adopted 8/20/2010). This amendment allows permeable or pervious pavement systems for parking areas and driveways. (Chapter 541).

Parkland Dedication

Ordinance No. 2010-Or-081 (adopted 9/24/2010). This amendment establishes a park dedication ordinance for new residential, commercial and industrial development and establishes dedication requirements, definitions and administrative processes. This ordinance does not take effect immediately upon adoption. (Chapter 598).

Birth Centers

Ordinance No. 2010-Or-104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109 and 110 (adopted 12/10/2010). This amendment revises zoning code provisions to recognize birth centers as an allowed use in certain zoning districts and establishes standards for this use. (Chapter 520, 536, 541, 547, 548, 549, 550).

Billboards

Ordinance No. 2010-Or-113 (adopted 12/17/2010). This amendment adjusts the possible locations where digital off-premise advertising signs and billboards may be allowed. (Chapter 544).

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2009

Off-Street Parking & Loading

Ordinance No. 2009-OR-001, 002, and 003 (adopted 1/9/09). This amendment revises the city's off-street parking and loading regulations, including the minimum number of required spaces, and establishes citywide maximum parking standards and bicycle parking requirements. (Chapters 525, 541, and 551).

Split Zoning

Ordinance No. 2009-OR-007 (adopted 1/23/09). This amendment revises regulations that apply to properties with more than one primary zoning classification. (Chapter 535).

Signs for Regional Sports Arenas

Ordinance No. 2009-OR-013 and 014 (adopted 2/20/09). This amendment revises regulations for on-premise and off-premise signs for regional sports arenas, including the HHH Metrodome. (Chapters 543 and 544).

Plazas

Ordinance No. 2009-OR-025 and 026 (adopted 3/27/09). This amendment creates design standards for plazas and establishes an authorized variance from those standards. (Chapters 525 and 535).

Residential Density

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-027 and 028 (adopted 3/27/09). This amendment revises permitted floor area and minimum lot area regulations, allowing increased residential density in selected zoning districts. (Chapters 546 and 548).

Definitions and Permitted Uses

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-034, 035, 036, and 037 (adopted 4/24/09). This amendment establishes definitions for “motorized scooter” and “neighborhood electric vehicle” and authorizes the sale of these vehicles in all commercial, downtown, and industrial districts. The amendment also adds educational arts centers as a permitted use in all commercial and downtown districts. (Chapters 520, 548, 549, and 550).

Fees

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-049 and 050 (adopted 6/12/09). This amendment adjusts the fees for specific land use applications and subdivisions. (Chapters 525 and 598).

On-Premise Signs

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-055, 056, 057, 058, 059 (adopted 7/17/2009). This amendment is a comprehensive revision to zoning code regulations pertaining to on-premise signs. (Chapters 520, 525, 543, and 551).

West Broadway Overlay District

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-065, 066, 067 (adopted 8/14/2009). This amendment establishes the West Broadway Overlay District and rezones property in the West Broadway corridor area to be consistent with the recommended land use designations in the West Broadway Alive Plan. (Chapters 521 and 551).

Open Porches

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-068 and 069 (adopted 8/14/2009). This amendment revises the site plan review regulations and permitted encroachment regulations for open porches on 1-4 unit residential structures. (Chapters 530 and 535).

University Area Overlay District

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-070, 071, 072 (adopted 8/14/2009). This amendment establishes the University Area Overlay District and rezones properties in the Cedar Riverside, Marcy Homes, Prospect Park, Como and University neighborhoods to apply said district. A primary purpose of the overlay district is to ensure that new development is more likely to be compatible with existing surrounding development, mainly by accommodating parking in a more effective and attractive manner on site. (Chapters 521 and 551).

Planned Unit Development

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-082, 083, 084, 085, 086, 087, 088, 089, 090, 091 (adopted 8/28/2009). This amendment revises the City's planned unit development regulations to better align with adopted applicable city policies and practices, including specifying the types of project amenities expected in exchange for the regulatory flexibility offered to large-scale, master-planned developments. (Chapters 520, 527, 536, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551).

Mandatory Garages

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-079 and 080 (adopted 8/28/2009). This amendment requires the construction of a garage, either attached or detached, when constructing or relocating any new single-family dwelling in the city and authorizes a variance from said requirement. (Chapters 520 and 530).

Schools in Industrial Districts

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-096 and 097 (adopted 9/18/2009). This amendment prohibits K-12 schools in Industrial Districts, except in the Industrial Living Overlay District where they are allowed as a conditional use. (Chapters 550 and 551).

Reception or Meeting Halls

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-098, 099, 100, 101 (adopted 9/18/2009). This amendment creates a definition for reception or meeting halls, establishes specific development standards for such uses and makes reception or meeting halls conditional uses in the C2, C3S and C4 Districts. (Chapters 520, 536, 537, and 548).

Medical and Dental Laboratories

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-113 (adopted 10/16/2009). This amendment allows medical and dental laboratories as permitted uses in the OR2 and OR3 Office Residence Districts. (Chapter 547).

Story Definition

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-114 (adopted 10/16/2009). This amendment revises the definition of "story" to allow the first story of a building to be up to 20 feet in height. (Chapter 520).

Ground Level Active Functions

Ordinance No. 2009-Or-117 and 118 (adopted 10/30/2009). This amendment requires buildings to provide ground level active functions when facing a public street and requires that each individual, non-residential ground level use that faces a public street, public sidewalk, public pathway, or on-site parking lot, be subject to the applicable window requirements. (Chapters 530 and 535).

Children's Play Space

Ordinance No. 2009-Or186 and 87 (adopted 12/4/2009). This amendment requires outdoor children's play areas accessory to certain multiple-family dwellings in the R5 and R6 Districts. (Chapters 536 and 546).

Senior Elderly Housing

Ordinance No. 2009-Or193 (adopted 12/18/2009). This amendment revises the definition of senior housing to more clearly distinguish senior/elderly housing from supportive housing. (Chapter 520).

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2008

Shoreland Overlay District

Ordinance No. 2008-Or-010 (adopted 2/1/08). This amendment revises the regulations of the Shoreland Overlay District to eliminate inconsistencies and redundant provisions. (Chapter 551).

Electronic Billboards

Ordinance No. 2008-Or-026 and 027 (adopted 4/4/08). This amendment revises regulations for off-premise advertising signs and billboards, principally addressing the issue of electronic billboards. (Chapters 520 and 544).

Authorization of Extended Compliance Deadlines for Stalled Development Projects

Ordinance No. 2008-OR-049 (adopted 6/20/08). This amendment authorizes the zoning administrator to grant an additional extension of compliance deadlines for development projects with five or more dwelling units approved between June 1, 2005, and December 31, 2006. Site maintenance and improvement plans are required as a condition of extension. (Chapter 525).

Nonconforming Structures

Ordinance No. 2008-Or-070 (adopted 8/22/08). This amendment extends the length of time that a legal nonconforming single- or two-family structure containing a conforming use that is damaged or destroyed may apply for a building permit before nonconforming rights are lost. (Chapter 531).

Reasonable Accommodation

Ordinance No. 2008-Or-071 and 072 (adopted 8/22/08). This amendment codifies a process for requesting an exception from zoning requirements based upon a claim of "reasonable accommodation" under federal law. (Chapters 520 and 525).

Airport Overlay District

Ordinance No. 2008-Or-087, 088, and 089 (adopted 11/7/08). This amendment establishes an Airport Overlay District consistent with the Joint Airport Zoning Code and requires performance standards within the 5dB insulated areas. (Chapters 521, 535, and 551).

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2007

University Ave. SE and 29th Ave. SE Transit Station Area

Ordinance No. 2007-Or-38 (adopted 6/15/07). This amendment accompanies a rezoning study and adds a new Transit Station Area Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District around a proposed light rail transit station and includes a minimum floor area ratio for new development (Chapter 551).

Entrances and Hallways in Mixed Use Buildings

Ordinance No. 2007-Or-38 and 39, 40, 41, 42 (adopted 6/15/07). This amendment alters the requirement that residential and non-residential uses must have separate entrances and hallways in mixed use buildings. The amendment clarifies that mixed use buildings in all districts may share exterior doorways but that customers and employees of commercial establishments cannot have access to residential hallways (Chapters 535, 547, 548, and 549).

Wind Energy

Ordinance No. 2007-Or-47 (adopted 6/29/07). This amendment expands the allowable installation of wind turbines (Chapter 535).

Residential Infill Development

Ordinance No. 2007-Or-48 and 49, 50, 51 (adopted 6/29/07). This amendment revises standards for residential buildings—primarily single- and two-family dwellings—by defining natural grade for the purpose of measuring building height, reducing maximum building coverage and impervious surface standards, reducing the maximum permitted height, and establishing a maximum floor area ratio for single- and two-family dwellings (Chapters 520, 530, 546, and 547).

Industrial Districts

Ordinance No. 2007-Or-59 (adopted 8-3-07). This amendment limits the gross floor area of food and beverages uses (e.g., restaurants and nightclubs) in industrial districts to no more than 5,000 square feet (Chapter 550).

Nicollet Ave. and Franklin Ave. Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District

Ordinance No. 2007-Or-68 (adopted 8/31/07). This amendment accompanies a rezoning study and adds specific standards for the new Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District on Nicollet Avenue between Franklin Avenue and the Midtown Greenway and on Franklin Avenue between LaSalle Avenue and I-35W. Standards include a bicycle parking requirement, requirement for submittal of a Travel Demand Management Plan for new development of 10,000 square feet or more, a minimum floor area ratio for new development, limitations on the amount of street frontage for individual commercial uses, and special standards for new construction on corner properties (Chapter 551).

Lyndale Ave. S. Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District

Ordinance No. 2007-Or-72 (adopted 9/21/07). This amendment accompanies a rezoning study and adds a bicycle parking requirement in the new Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District along Lyndale Ave. S. between Minnehaha Creek and 62nd Street (Chapter 551).

Structures Accessory to Nonconforming Residential Uses

Ordinance No. 2007-Or-79 (adopted 10/19/07). This amendment allows as-of-right construction of structures accessory to nonconforming residential buildings with four units or less (Chapter 531).

Zoning Ordinance “Housekeeping” Amendment

Ordinance No. 2007-Or-83 and 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89 (adopted 10/19/07). This amendment corrects errors in the zoning ordinance and clarifies confusing provisions (Chapters 520, 525, 530, 535, 537, 541, 547, 548, 549, and 551).

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2006

Definitions and Permitted/Conditional Uses

Ordinance No. 2006-Or-11 through 17 (adopted 2/10/06). This amendment revises which uses are permitted or conditional in all zoning districts. It also includes a revision to the definition of sports and health facilities to distinguish small training facilities from large health-fitness clubs, and includes dance studios (and similar uses) as permitted uses in the Industrial Living Overlay District (Chapters 520, 536, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551).

Fees

Ordinance No. 2006-Or-021 (adopted 2/24/06). This amendment adjusts the fees for specific land use applications and re-inspections (Chapter 525).

Residential Density in the CI Neighborhood Commercial District

Ordinance No. 2006-Or-070 (adopted 6/16/06). This amendment revises the minimum lot area requirements for residential uses in CI district from 1,500 to 900 square feet of lot area per dwelling unit (Chapter 548).

Farmer’s Markets

Ordinance No. 2006-Or-085 (adopted 7/21/06). This amendment revises zoning code provisions related to farmer’s markets. It includes revisions to definitions, specific development standards and off-street parking requirements (Chapters include 520, 535, 536, 541, 543, 547, 548, 549, and 550).

Minimum Dwelling Width, Authorized Variance

Ordinance No. 2006-Or-103 (adopted 9/22/06). This amendment authorizes property owners to apply for a variance to reduce the minimum width of proposed residential buildings, from single-family dwellings though four-unit buildings (Chapter 525).

Communication Antennas in Downtown

Ordinance No. 2006-Or-104 (adopted 9/22/06). This amendment authorizes the mounting of communication antennas on poles in the downtown area bounded by Mississippi River, I-35W, I-94, and I-394/3rd Ave. N (extended to river) (Chapter 535).

Off-Premise Advertising Signs and Billboards

Ordinance No. 2006-Or-105 (adopted 9/22/06). This amendment establishes a Downtown Entertainment Billboard District in an area bounded by Second Avenue North to Hennepin Avenue, and Eighth Street North to Sixth Street North (Chapter 544).

Sexually Oriented Uses

Ordinance No. 2006-Or-122 (adopted 10/20/06). This amendment maintains the City's existing regulations related to sexually-oriented businesses, as defined under the code of ordinances, by not replacing Article IV of Chapter 549 of the code with Minnesota Statute Section 617.242 (Chapter 549).

Downtown East-North Loop Rezoning

Ordinance No. 2006-OR-123 (adopted 10/20/06). This amendment rezones portions of existing commercial, residential, office-residential, industrial, and downtown districts, including their purpose, uses, associated regulations, and maps, to comply with the policies adopted and set forth by the Minneapolis City Council in the *Downtown East/North Loop Master Plan*.

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2005

LRT Station Areas

Ordinance No. 2005-Or-005 and 006 (adopted 1/14/05). This amendment includes specific zoning regulations and incentives that would apply in and around Pedestrian Oriented Overlay Districts in light rail stations in the Cedar/Riverside, Franklin Avenue, Midtown, 38th Street and 46th Street station areas (Chapter 521).

Site Plan Review, 1-4 Unit Residential Design Standards, and Fees

Ordinance No. 2005-Or-037 and 038, 039 (adopted 4/29/05). This amendment revises the scope and standards of the site plan review ordinance, creates design standards for residential buildings having between one and four units, and amends application fees (Chapters 525, 530, 535).

Antiques and Collectibles Stores

Ordinance No. 2005-Or-045 (adopted 5/13/05). This amendment allows antiques and collectibles stores as a permitted use in the CI – Neighborhood Commercial District (Chapter 548).

Franklin LRT Station Area

Ordinance No. 2005-Or-061 (adopted 7/22/05). This amendment adds the Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District to properties in the LRT station area consistent with City-adopted plans for the area.

Lake Street/Midtown LRT Station Area

Ordinance No. 2005-Or-094 (adopted 10/07/05). This amendment changes the zoning classifications within the Lake Street/Midtown LRT station area consistent with City-adopted plans for the area.

Interim Ordinances

Ordinance No. 2005-Or-105 (adopted 11/4/05). This amendment brings the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance regulating Interim Ordinances into conformance with recent changes in State Statute (Chapter 529).

Interior Side and Rear Yards in Non-Residential Districts

Ordinance No. 2005-Or-106 and 107, 108 (adopted 11/04/05). This amendment establishes a reasonable limit on the minimum interior side and rear yard requirements for residential and hotel uses where such required yards are based on the height of the building (Chapters 548, 549, and 550).

Overnight Shelters

Ordinance No. 2005-Or-140 and 141 (adopted 12/2/05). This amendment increases the operating hours for overnight shelters accessory to a religious institution place of assembly as permitted by a conditional use permit (Chapter 537).

Non-Conforming Uses and Structures, On-Premise Signs, Off-Premise Advertising Signs and Billboards

Ordinance No. 2005-Or-136 and 138, 139 (adopted 12/2/05). This amendment brings the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance regulating non-conforming uses, their continued use and investment, their expansion and loss of non-conforming rights into conformance with recent changes in state statute (Chapters 531, 543, and 544).

Permitted Obstructions in Required Yards

Ordinance No. 2005-Or-152 (adopted 12/23/05). This amendment clarifies the language for obstructions in required yards, adds egress window wells, pergolas and retaining walls to the permitted obstruction table, and increases the depth of an open porch as a permitted obstruction in a required yard (Chapter 535).

ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS, 2004

Alley Access

Ordinance No. 2004-Or-018 (adopted 2/13/04). This amendment allows greater flexibility for alley access for uses subject to site plan review (Chapter 530).

Exterior Security Barriers

(adopted 3/19/04). This amendment prohibits certain exterior security barriers facing a street on non-residential buildings (Chapter 535).

Flashing Signs on Large-Scale Museums

Ordinance No. 2004-Or-028 (adopted 8/6/04). This amendment authorizes a variance/sign adjustment for flashing wall or window signs on museums with at least 100,000 square feet of floor area (Chapter 543).

Central and Lowry Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District

Ordinance No. 2004-Or-087 (adopted 8/6/04). This amendment allows existing drive-through banking facilities to be rebuilt in the Central and Lowry Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District (Chapter 551).

Floodplain Overlay District

Ordinance No. 2004-Or-121 (adopted 10/8/04). This amendment is required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for City residents to remain eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program (Chapter 551).

Administration and Enforcement

Ordinance No. 2004-Or-143 (adopted 12/23/04). This amendment transfers enforcement of the zoning code to CPED – Planning, specifies penalties for zoning violations, increases from 10 to 15 business days the time allowed to determine whether an application is incomplete; reduces the time to appeal a decision of the zoning administrator from 20 to 10 days; and clarifies the scope of the city council's authority on matters appealed to the city council (Chapter 525).