

**ORDINANCE NO. 1546**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND AMENDING THE WOODLAND MUNICIPAL CODE USING THE RETOOLING OUR CODE PROGRAM TO MAKE MINOR NON-POLICY CORRECTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT CODE AND AUTHORIZE PUBLICATION BY SUMMARY.**

**WHEREAS**, Woodland Municipal Code (WMC) 19.08 authorizes the City Council to make decisions on zoning code amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a workshop on this item on July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission held a pre-decision hearing on this item on September 22, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council held a workshop on this item on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, all procedural requirements of the WMC for these amendments have been met; and

**WHEREAS**, the Woodland City Council has reviewed the following amendments to the WMC and found them to be acceptable and appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODLAND AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Repeal and Replace WMC 1.04 General Provisions**

Old Section WMC 1.04.060 – The existing code section to be superseded and replaced reads as follows:

WMC 1.04.060 – Locations for posting city notices.

*The following locations shall be the official posting places for city notices:*

*Woodland City Hall (lobby)*

*Woodland Post Office (lobby)*

*Old National Bank (lobby)*

New Section WMC 1.04.060 – The code section is amended to read as follows:

WMC 1.04.060 – Locations for posting city notices.

*The following locations shall be the official posting places for city notices:*

*Woodland City Hall (lobby)*

*Woodland Post Office (lobby)*

*Woodland Police Department (lobby)*

## **Section 2. Repeal and Replace WMC 2.04.050 – Regular council meetings**

Old Section WMC 2.04.050(A) – The existing code section to be superseded and replaced reads as follows:

*WMC 2.04.050 – Regular council meetings.*

- A. *The city council shall meet in regular session at the City Hall, 100 Davidson Avenue, Woodland, Cowlitz County, Washington, or such other location as the city council deems appropriate, at seven p.m., on the first and third Monday of each and every month, and if, at any time, the date of such meeting falls on a legal holiday, the council shall meet in regular session on the next day following such legal holiday.*

New Section WMC 2.04.050(A) – The code section is amended to read as follows:

*WMC 2.04.050 – Regular council meetings.*

- A. *The city council shall meet in regular session at the Council Chambers, at 200 E. Scott Avenue, Woodland, Cowlitz County, Washington, or such other location as the city council deems appropriate, at seven p.m., on the first and third Monday of each and every month, and if, at any time, the date of such meeting falls on a legal holiday, the council shall meet in regular session on the next day following such legal holiday.*

## **Section 3. Repeal and Replace WMC 8.12 – Nuisances**

Old Section WMC 8.12.020 – WMC 8.12.020 is hereby repealed in whole.

New Section WMC 8.12.020 – The code section is amended to read as follows:

*WMC 8.12.020 – Designated.*

- A. *The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public health, peace and safety: any accumulation of junk, debris, manure or rubbish; or any rank or unattended growth of underbrush, vegetation, waste shrubs or trees higher than two feet upon private property or over or across or overhanging any sidewalk, street, curb or parking; or throwing or depositing or causing*

*to be deposited in any street, alley or public place any garbage, printed matter, wastepaper, refuse or other offensive matter.*

- B. The keeping of public nuisance junk or materials, junk vehicles, parts thereof, and automobile hulks, which creates conditions that reduce the value of adjacent private property, become hiding places for rodents, breeding places for mosquitoes and other insects, safety hazards for children, environmental hazards to the soils, surface and groundwaters, and blights on the landscape, all detrimental to the health, safety, welfare, peace and well-being of the general public. Therefore, the purpose and intent of this chapter is to regulate the proliferation of junk vehicles, declare junk vehicles a public nuisance, and to provide for and implement the removal of junk or materials, abandoned and junk vehicles, parts thereof, and automobile hulks, from public and private property as authorized pursuant to RCW 46.55.240.*

#### **Section 4. Amend WMC 10.56 to add new section**

New Section WMC 10.56.045 – The new code section to added reads as follows:

##### ***WMC 10.56.045 – Parking restricted curbs - Safety Zones.***

- A. The Public Works Director or authorized designee is authorized to identify and designate portions of street curb to be restricted from on-street parking.*
- B. The Public Works Department shall be responsible for painting such restricted parking curbs, within the city limits.*
- C. Restricted curb sections shall be painted either yellow or red paint, and follow WSDOT paint standards specifications or as approved by the Public Works Director.*
- D. There is no parking allowed in these designated yellow or red curb zones. No Parking Zone Ticketing, Towing and other fines may be incurred at full expense of the violator.*
- E. RCW 46.55, as presently enacted or hereafter amended, as well as any applicable rules published as part of the Washington Administrative Code, are adopted by reference and authorize both the posting of restrictions on on-street public parking and the towing and/or impounding of unlawfully parked vehicles. Posting shall comply with RCW 46.61.570.*

#### **Section 5. Repeal and Replace WMC 16.10.020**

Old Section WMC 16.10.020 – The existing code sections to be superseded and replaced reads as follows:

*The original hard copy drawing of the final plat shall be accompanied by:*

- A. At least two copies of the final plat on mylar material;
- B. A minimum of ten paper copies of the final plat;

New Section WMC 16.10.020 – The code section is amended to read as follows:

*The original hard copy drawing of the final plat shall be accompanied by:*

- A. An electronic copy of the final plat provided to the City in PDF format;
- B. A minimum of three paper 24-inch by 36-inch copies of the final plat;

#### **Section 6. Repeal and Replace WMC 16.18.070 – Final Plat**

Old Section WMC 16.08.070 – The existing code section to be superseded and replaced reads as follows:

*The final plat shall be drawn in india ink on a sheet of mylar having dimensions of eighteen inches by twenty-four inches, or approved substitute, and on a standard recorder's plat sheet eighteen inches by twenty-five inches, with a three-inch-wide hinged binding on the left border. If more than one sheet is required, the sheets shall be numbered and indexed. The scale may range from fifty feet to the inch to two hundred feet to the inch. All signatures on the mylar and recorder's plat sheet shall be originals. The final plat shall show the following information:*

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#### **Section 7. Repeal and Replace WMC 16.18.070 – Final Plat**

Old Section WMC 16.08.070(P) – The existing code section to be superseded and replaced reads as follows:

*P. Dedication, Acknowledgment and Endorsement. The following information shall appear on the final plat, mylar and recorder's plat sheet, lettered and signed in India ink:*

New Section WMC 16.08.070(P) – The code section is amended to read as follows:

P. *Dedication, Acknowledgment and Endorsement. The following information shall appear on the final plat recorder's plat sheet and all provided copies, lettered and signed:*

**Section 8. Repeal and Replace WMC 16.32.010 - Applicability**

Old Section WMC 16.32.010 – The existing code section to be superseded and replaced reads as follows:

*Every subdivision of land for the purposes of lease, rent, sale or transfer into four or less parcels less than five acres in area within the city shall comply with this chapter and such subdivision shall be referred to as a short subdivision; provided, that the lots or parcels in short subdivisions approved pursuant to this chapter may not be further divided in any manner within a period of five years without the filing of a final subdivision pursuant to this title. A short subdivision approved pursuant to this chapter shall not require approval pursuant to this title. All permits for the development of segregated lots less than five acres in size shall be withheld until the provisions of this chapter are met.*

New Section WMC 16.32.010 – The code section is amended to read as follows:

*Every subdivision of land for the purposes of lease, rent, sale or transfer into four or less parcels less than five acres in area within the city shall comply with this chapter and such subdivision shall be referred to as a short subdivision; provided, that the lots or parcels in short subdivisions approved pursuant to this chapter may not be further divided in any manner within a period of five years without the filing of a final subdivision pursuant to this title. All permits for the development of segregated lots less than five acres in size shall be withheld until the provisions of this chapter are met.*

**Section 9. Repeal and Replace WMC 16.32.030 – Administrator duties**

Old Section WMC 16.32.030 – The existing code section to be superseded and replaced reads as follows:

*The city council appoints the supervisor of the department of public works to be the administrator of this chapter. The administrator is vested with the duty of administering the provisions of this regulation and is authorized to summarily approve or disapprove short subdivision. The administrator may prepare and require the use of such application forms as he deems essential to assure compliance to this chapter. If the administrator deems it to be in the public interest, he may require that the short subdivision be placed before the planning commission to be approved or denied by them pursuant to this title.*

New Section WMC 16.32.030 – The code section is amended to read as follows:

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*The city council appoints director of community development or authorized designee, to be the administrator of this chapter. The administrator is vested with the duty of administering the provisions of this regulation and is authorized to summarily approve or disapprove short subdivision. The administrator may prepare and require the use of such application forms as he deems essential to assure compliance to this chapter. If the administrator deems it to be in the public interest, he may require that the short subdivision be placed before the planning commission to be approved or denied by them pursuant to this title.*

**Section 10. Repeal and Replace WMC 16.32.040 – Application Contents**

Old Section WMC 16.32.040(C) – The existing code section is hereby repealed.

*Any person desiring to subdivide land within the city into four or less parcels for the purpose of sale, rent transfer, or lease shall submit an application for short subdivision approval to the administrator. Applications for approval of short subdivision shall include a map to the scale of not less than two hundred feet but not more than fifty feet to the inch. The map shall include but not be limited to the following items:*

- C. The signatures of the owner or owners and surveyor of the land to be subdivided;*

New Section WMC 16.32.040(C) – The code section is amended to read as follows:

*Any person desiring to subdivide land within the city into four or less parcels for the purpose of sale, rent transfer, or lease shall submit an application for short subdivision approval to the administrator. Applications for approval of short subdivision shall include a map to the scale of not less than two hundred feet but not more than fifty feet to the inch. The map shall include but not be limited to the following items:*

- C. The signatures of the owner(s) and surveyor of the land, or an authorized representative of the owners of the land to be subdivided;*

**Section 11. Repeal and Replace WMC 16.32.040 – Application - Contents**

Old Section WMC 16.32.040(G) – The existing code section to be superseded and replaced reads as follows:

- G. The short subdivision shall be drawn in indelible ink on a sheet of mylar not to exceed a size of twenty-two inches by thirty inches;*

New Section WMC 16.32.040(G) – The code section is amended to read as follows:

- G. The short subdivision shall be drawn in indelible ink on a sheet not to exceed a size of twenty-two inches by thirty inches;*

**Section 12. Amend WMC 17.16.080 – Performance Standards**

New Section WMC 17.16.080(E)(6) – Section WMC 17.16.080(E) – Yard Projections is amended to add:

- 6. Ramps for ADA access to existing residences, when in a required front, side or rear setback. Such exempt ramp structures must meet building code, fire code, and required lot coverage standard is not exceeded.*

**Section 13. Amend section WMC 17.16.080 – Performance Standards**

Amend Section WMC 17.16.080(I) – The code section is amended to change the subsection code reference from “*subsection (K)*” to read “*subsection (J)*”;

and,

New Subsection (I)(5) in Section WMC 17.16.080(I) – The code section is amended to add:

- 5. Fences in street side yards and reverse-lot yards. The responsible official may approve a six (6) foot fence on a lot line if the lot has multiple lot lines fronting on a street. Such fences must meet sight distance requirements, be located in a street-side or rear yard, and may only be approved if the fence fronts one of the following streets:*
- State Route – 503 (aka SR-503 and Lewis River Road)*
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Street south of Davidson Avenue*
  - South Pekin from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to the South City Limits*
  - North Goerig Street from East Scott Avenue to SR-503*
  - East Scott Avenue from Interstate Five (I-5) to Old Pacific Highway*
  - Hillshire Drive*
  - Insel Road*

*Gun Club Road*

**Section 14. Amend section WMC 14.32.620 - Section 903- Automatic sprinkler systems**

Old Section WMC 14.32.620 – The existing code section to be superseded and replaced reads as follows:

WMC 14.32.620

*Section 903—Automatic sprinkler systems.*

*Subsection 903.2 Where required is hereby amended by revising the text, as follows:*

*903.2 Where required. In all new buildings and structures described in Sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.2; and all new buildings containing a total floor area, above or below grade, exceeding 5,000 square feet; and additions that result in a total building area of 5,000 square feet or greater; and in all conversions when the occupancy class of the converted building moves to a higher classification based on the adopted edition of the Washington State Building Code. This requirement shall not apply to covered play areas or similar open structures where no equipment is stored.*

New Section WMC 14.32.620 – The code section is amended to read as follows:

14.32.620

*Section 903—Automatic sprinkler systems.*

*Subsection 903.2 Where required is hereby amended by revising the text, as follows:*

*903.2 Where required. In all new buildings and structures described in Sections 903.2.1 through 903.2.2; and all new buildings containing a total floor area, above or below grade, exceeding 5,000 square feet; and additions that result in a total building area of 5,000 square feet or greater; and in all conversions when the occupancy class of the converted building moves to a higher classification based on the adopted edition of the Washington State Building Code. This requirement shall not apply to covered play areas or similar open structures where no equipment is stored, and to building classified as F-2 or S-2 of noncombustible construction materials and otherwise compliant with Washington building and fire code.*



**Section 15. Amend section WMC 17.36.130 – Performance Standards**

Amend Section WMC 17.36.130 – The code section is amended to change subsection (J) from “safe an consistent street frontage...” to read “safe and consistent street frontage...”

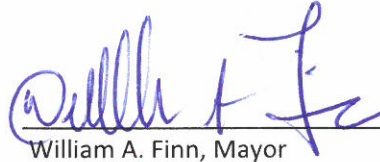
**Section 16. Repeal and Replace WMC 17.44.240 – Industrial off-site improvement standards – Right-of-way dedication and half street improvements.**

Old Section WMC 17.44.240 – The first sentence of the code section is amended to change “All roads and accesses required for all development listed WMC 14.44.210...” to read “All roads and accesses required for all development listed in WMC 14.44.210...”

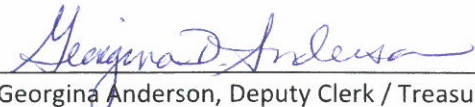
**Section 17: Severability.** If any section, sentence, clause or phrase in this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity of constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phase of this Ordinance.

**Section 18: Effective Date.** This ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its summary publication in this media or paper of record as required by law.


Adopted this 18th day of December 2023.

  
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William A. Finn, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Georgina Anderson, Deputy Clerk / Treasurer

Approved as to form:

  
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Frank F. Randolph, City Attorney