

CITY OF HAMMOND ORDINANCE No.

AN ORDINANCE TO EXTEND AND MODIFY THE MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF SUBDIVISION PLATS, SITE DEVELOPMENT PLANS OR ZONING AMENDMENTS FOR MULTIFAMILY HOUSING WITHIN THE CITY OF HAMMOND FOR AN ADDITIONAL 180 DAYS

WHEREAS, A Housing Advisory Committee was formed in 2020 by the Hammond City Council and the Housing Enhancement Committee was formed in 2023 (collectively, the Housing Advisory Committee); and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2022, the City Council adopted a temporary 180 day moratorium and on August 23, 2022 approved a 90 day extension of the moratorium on acceptance of applications and issuance of permits or approvals for multi-family subdivision plats, multi-family site development plans, multi-family building permits and zoning amendments to change from single family zoning to a zoning allowing multi-family development in order to receive the recommendations of the Housing Advisory Committee and to review, evaluate and revise the City's development ordinances, as appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Advisory Committee is working diligently, but has not completed its work and has not made recommendations to the Council; and

WHEREAS, in order for the City to have adequate and reasonable time to review and evaluate the Housing Advisory Committee report and revise the City's development ordinances, as appropriate, it is necessary to extend the moratorium for an additional 180 days from the date of final adoption of this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council determines it is necessary to expand the scope of the moratorium to include group homes, halfway homes, special homes, group living, boarding home, and transient boarding houses, and to extend the moratorium for an additional 180 days from the date of final adoption of this ordinance to protect the health, safety, environment, quality of life, and general welfare, preserving the status quo during the review and evaluation process, eliminating incentives for hasty applications, facilitating thoughtful and consistent planning, avoiding exploitation of the delays inherent in the municipal legislative process, and preventing applications from undermining the effectiveness of the revised ordinances by applying for permits and/or approvals in order to avoid the application of new, possibly more restrictive, development ordinances.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED:

Councilwoman Gonzales (), Councilman Leon (). WHEREFORE the above and foregoing ordinance was declared duly a of , 202_ at Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana	
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