

Pete Panepinto
Mayor

October 3, 2023

Veto Statement for Ordinance No. 23-5722 C.S.

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.

To the Council:

I have vetoed this ordinance because there is no longer a need for a moratorium on multifamily housing. This moratorium has been in place for a year and a half. The reasons for this moratorium keep changing. The city has made millions of dollars of improvements to sewer and drainage infrastructure if there were concerns that the density of multifamily projects would strain our infrastructure. Meanwhile we've halted projects that could provide housing for Southeastern students and young professionals.

This version of the moratorium adds a prohibition against the development of group homes, halfway homes and special homes. I will not sign an ordinance that potentially isolates people with disabilities and those needing the assistance provided through group homes.

I urge you to uphold my veto of this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Mayor Pete Panepinto



CITY OF HAMMOND
ORDINANCE No.23-5722

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:

1. Ordinance #22-5668 which adopted a 180 day moratorium and ordinance #22-5692 which extended the moratorium for an additional 90 days is further extended and shall be in full force and effective for an additional 180 days from the date of final adoption of this ordinance and expanded to include group homes, halfway homes, special homes, group living, boarding home, and transient boarding houses within City Council Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

The above and foregoing ordinance having being duly submitted to the Hammond City Council in writing; introduced at a public meeting on September 12, 2023 of the Hammond City Council and discussed at a public meeting held on September 26, 2023; after motion and second was submitted to the official vote of the Hammond City Council.

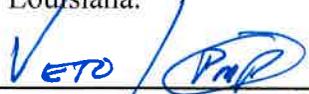
On motion by Councilman DiVittorio and Second by Councilman Wells foregoing ordinance was hereby declared adopted on September 26, 2023, by the following roll call vote:

Votes: Councilman Wells (Y), Councilman DiVittorio (Y), Councilman Andrews (Y), Councilwoman Gonzales (N), Councilman Leon (N). *Motion approved 3-2*

WHEREFORE the above and foregoing ordinance was declared duly adopted on the 26th day of September 26, 2023 at Hammond, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.



Kip Andrews
President, Hammond City Council



Honorable Pete Panepinto
Mayor, City of Hammond



Lisa Cockerham, Clerk
Hammond City Council

CERTIFICATE OF DELIVERY
In accordance with Home Rule Charter Article II, Section 2-12 (A), the above Ordinance was delivered to the Mayor of the City of Hammond on the 28 day of September in the year 2023 at 8 o'clock PM.m. said delivery being within three (3) calendar days after adoption, exclusive of weekends and state holidays.



Clerk of Hammond City Council

Recordation of Receipt Received from the Mayor of the City of Hammond on the _____ day of _____ in the year _____ at _____ o'clock _____ .m., in accordance with Home Rule Charter Article II, Section 2-12 (B).

Clerk of Hammond City Council

1. The first part of the document is a list of names and addresses.

The names are: Mr. J. H. Smith, Mr. W. B. Jones, Mr. C. D. Brown, Mr. E. F. Green, Mr. G. H. White, Mr. I. J. Black, Mr. K. L. Gray, Mr. M. N. Blue, Mr. O. P. Red, Mr. Q. R. Purple, Mr. S. T. Yellow, Mr. U. V. Orange, Mr. W. X. Silver, Mr. Y. Z. Gold.