

LAMAR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ORDINANCE NUMBER 22-01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX A OF THE LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA, CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “THE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF LAMAR COUNTY, GEORGIA”; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia, under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Georgia, is empowered by virtue of its police power to regulate the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Lamar County to provide for and enact zoning and developmental regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia, enacted the current Zoning Ordinance of Lamar County, Georgia, on November 17, 2020, and the current Development Ordinance on November 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County has determined that it is in the best interests of the citizens of Lamar County for certain text revisions and amendments to be made to the Development Ordinance of Lamar County; and

WHEREAS, such text amendments to the Development Ordinance of Lamar County were reviewed by the Lamar County Planning Commission, and a hearing on the text amendments to the Development Ordinance of Lamar County was conducted by the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia on March 15, 2022, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-66-1, et seq. in the Lamar County Courthouse, Barnesville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia, considered the proposed amendments, any and all alternate proposals or amendments, the report of the Lamar County Planning Commission and all data and evidence taken at the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed by the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia, that an amendment to the Development Ordinance of Lamar County, Georgia, is in conformance with the Lamar County Comprehensive Plan and sound comprehensive planning principles and of substantial benefit to the public and in the promotion of the best interests and general welfare of the people.

NOW THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE AND IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia, that the Development Ordinance of Lamar County, Georgia, shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1. Code Sections Amended. Appendix A of the Lamar County Code of Ordinances entitled “The Development Ordinance of Lamar County, Georgia” is hereby amended as follows:

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1. In Sec. 501.E. add the word “percent” after the number (5).
2. In Sec. 501.F. add the word “and styles” in the title “Minimum house sizes”. At the end of the current paragraph, add the sentence “In all major subdivisions, the developer must provide for a minimum of six (6) different home styles. Mirrored/Reversed floor plans and exterior finishes will not be considered a different style.”
3. Add Sec. 501.I. All developments must leave or provide a natural tree buffer of at least twenty-five (25) feet along all property lines of the original undeveloped tract. The maintenance of this buffer will be the responsibility of the future property owner of the individual lot and is required in perpetuity unless a variance is granted as provided in section 410 and/or section 703 of this appendix.
4. In Sec. 502.HH. add the following as the second sentence in the paragraph: “Driveways located on county maintained roads, outside of a major subdivision, must install a minimum of a thirty (30) foot culvert, if a culvert is required.”
5. In Sec. 503.E. add the following as the second sentence in the paragraph: “Driveways located on county maintained roads, outside of a major subdivision, must install a minimum of a thirty (30) foot culvert, if a culvert is required.”
6. In Sec. 503.J. ~~remove-delete~~ the sentence “Lot size requirements are found in the zoning ordinance for each zoning district” and add the following: “1 acre minimum for lots located within 3 miles distance of the geographic center of the city of Barnesville and within 2 miles distance of the geographic center of the city of Milner. Within those ranges, less than 1 acre may be allowed if connected to a public sewer service provider. Outside of those ranges, all divisions must have a minimum lot size of 5 acres.”

Section 2. SEVERABILITY: In the event any portion of this ordinance shall be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, it is the intention of the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County that such adjudications shall in no manner affect the other sections, sentences, clauses or phrases of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect as if the invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence, clause or phrase were not originally part of the ordinance.

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Section 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS: Except as otherwise provided therein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

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Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Commissioners of Lamar County, Georgia.

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REVIEWED AT FIRST READING this 15th day of February, 2022.

ADOPTED AT SECOND READING this 15th day of March, 2022.

Charles Glass, Chairman
Lamar County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Clerk, Carlette Davidson
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