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SHREVEPORT UDC CODE TEXT AMENDMENT SUMMARY: 23-4-CTAC

— Abandoned Signs—

The Shreveport Unified Development Code ("Shreveport UDC" or "UDC") undergoes regular review by MPC staff in an attempt to better ensure sound, stable and desirable development within the City of Shreveport. Periodically, revisions are required. Sometimes those revisions reflect the changing nature of business in the community, and sometimes they are to correct "errors" in the Code.

MPC Case #23-4-CTAC recommends seven (7) text amendments that are intended to address blight in the City by providing regulations for abandoned signs.

REQUEST: To amend Article 2 and Article 9 of the Shreveport UDC.

CASE HISTORY:

- In August 2023, City Council requested text amendments to the Shreveport UDC to provide regulations to remove abandoned and unsafe signs.
- These Proposed revisions were created in conjunction with MPC, the Zoning Administrator, and the City Attorney's Office.

MASTER PLAN

CONSISTENCY: Staff certifies that the proposed UDC amendments are consistent with the following provisions of the Shreveport-Caddo 2030 Great Expectations Master Plan:

- Ensuring regulatory processes are responsive, efficient, and customer friendly, and
- Revising sign regulations for best practices and enforcement.

STAFF ANALYSIS: These amendments establish:

- A procedure for the Zoning Administrator to determine when existing signs are abandoned, unsafe, or illegal;
- Notice to property owner regarding their proposed abandoned, illegal or unsafe sign, and a process to respond; and
- Removal process of sign if owner is not responsive.

RECOMMENDATION: MPC Staff concludes that the recommendation to APPROVE these code text amendments is warranted.