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RECOMMENDED UDC AMENDMENTS. January 6, 2020

The City of Shreveport Unified Development Code (UDC) undergoes regular review in order to ensure that the Code promotes sound, stable, and desirable development within the jurisdiction of the City, to correct errors in the text or to accommodate changed or changing conditions in a particular area.

Staff is requesting the Shreveport UDC be amended as follows: [strikeout indicates deleted text, underline indicates added text].

Explanations are given for each amendment shown.

1. Amend "Determination of No Material Effect" in ARTICLE 21. HISTORIC PRESERVATION, SECTION 21.5 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS, Subsection 21.5.C.1 in the Shreveport UDC to read as follows:

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1. Determination of No Material Effect

Prior to filing an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, the Shreveport Chief Building Official and/or the City Engineer, or their designees, may issue a "Determination of No Material Effect" indicating approval for any normal repair or act of maintenance alterations as defined by this Article. A Determination of No Material Effect may be issued when:

- a. The proposed activity is not an alteration, construction, removal, demolition or excavation as defined by this Article; and viewable from the public right-of-way of the property's address; or
b. The proposed activity does not create a material substantial adverse change in the exterior architectural features and appearance of facade or exterior features of a building, structure or site; and or
c. The scope of work is limited to fencing, landscaping and/or hardscaping; and
e.d. The proposed activity nonetheless does require a regulated permit.

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Explanation: This amended language has been submitted by the Home Builders Association of Northwest Louisiana in an attempt to better expedite the building permit process. In their opinion, some alterations, especially those that cannot be seen from the public right-of-way, should be approved administratively.

2. Add new definition "Substantial Adverse Change" in ARTICLE 21. HISTORIC PRESERVATION, SECTION 21.11 DEFINITIONS, in the Shreveport UDC to read as follows. Alphabetize definition accordingly.

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Substantial Adverse Change. Substantial adverse change includes demolition, destruction, relocation, or alteration such that the significance of an historical resource would be impaired.

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Explanation: Definition needs to be added to help quantify what exactly is a "substantial change" when it comes to modifying materials or exterior features in an historic district. If the material change, or modified exterior feature, does not create a substantial adverse change, then a Certificate of Appropriateness is not required.