

## ORDINANCE NO. 02-O-2022-2023

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STORM LAKE, A PART OF THE STORM LAKE MUNICIPAL CODE, TO CLARIFY AND MODIFY CERTAIN REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO THE GATEWAY DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the City Staff has submitted proposed changes to the text of Article Five of the Storm Lake Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations to clarify and make less restrictive certain regulations pertaining to the Gateway District in the City of Storm Lake;

WHEREAS, the City's Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed and recommended approval of the proposed changes to the text of Article V of the Zoning Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are consistent and in accordance with the comprehensive plan adopted by the City in Resolution No. 94-R-2012-2013 on February 18, 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Storm Lake, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. AMENDMENTS. Article V of The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Storm Lake, entitled "Special and Overlay Districts," is amended as follows:

- a. In Section 540, by deleting the sentence, "As a whole, the massing and details of the buildings and site landscaping material shall be the dominate visible features from the street, and not the parking."
- b. In Section 542, subsection (a), by deleting the phrase, "(including construction that is a result of new development)".
- c. In Section 542, by deleting subsections (c) and (d).
- d. In Section 543, subsection (a), by deleting paragraphs 1 and 2; re-numbering paragraph 3 as paragraph 1; and changing newly re-numbered paragraph 1 to read: "Buildings shall be set back a minimum of 10 feet from the front property line. The setback area shall be used for landscape areas, front entry enhancements, plaza space, or parking space."
- e. In Section 543, subsection (b), paragraph 1, by changing "25%" to "50%"; and by deleting the second period of the two periods at the end of the paragraph.
- f. In Section 543, subsection (b), by deleting paragraph 2; and re-numbering

paragraphs 3 through 6 as paragraphs 2 through 5, respectively.

g. In Section 543, subsection (c), by deleting paragraph 3; changing paragraph 4 to read: "Access to sites in the gateway overlay districts shall be limited to two accesses on to the primary arterial street."; changing paragraph 6 to read: "Provide lighting along walkways into and out of parking lots to strengthen the sight line of the route of travel and increase security for nighttime use. This lighting shall be in addition to parking lot lighting."; in Paragraph 7, by inserting, "storage buildings," immediately after, "storage yards,"; and by re-numbering Paragraphs 4 through 7, as so amended, to be Paragraphs 3 through 6.

h. In Section 543, subsection (d), by deleting paragraphs 1, 2, and 3; in paragraph 5, by inserting, "storage buildings," after "service yards"; and by re-numbering paragraphs 4 and 5, as amended, to be paragraphs 1 and 2 respectively.

i. In Section 544, by changing the first partial sentence preceding subsections (a) through (l) to read: "The following building regulations shall apply to all new development:"

j. In Section 544, subsection (d), by deleting the last sentence.

k. In Section 544, subsection (e), by deleting the last sentence.

l. By changing Section 544, subsection (g) to read: "Street fronting windows shall be no more than 48 inches above the sidewalk level."

m. By changing Section 545, subsection (a) to read: "Every building or commercial complex shall incorporate sign design into the overall project design plan."

n. By changing Section 545, subsection (e) to read: "Freestanding pole and pylon signs are prohibited. Monument signs are to be allowed. Monument signs may be placed in the ten-foot front yard setback. Monument signs shall be placed so as not to obstruct vision or create a traffic hazard."

o. By changing Section 545, subsection (h) to read: "A freestanding monument sign may not exceed 140 square feet per side and not exceed 14 feet in height. Allowable monument sign area is based on 2 square feet of sign area per lineal foot of lot frontage.

p. In Section 545, subsection (j), by changing "one" to "two" and "25" to "50" in the first sentence and "25" to "50" in the last sentence.

q. In Section 545, by deleting subsections (k), (m), and (r) and re-lettering the

remaining subsections after subsection (j) as (k) through (p).

Section 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of January, 2023.

  
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Michael Porsch, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Mayra A. Martinez, City Clerk