

Zoning Case 2023-011

An Ordinance of the City of Plano, Texas, amending Article 15 (Use-specific Regulations) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City, Ordinance No. 2015-5-2, as heretofore amended, pertaining to backyard cottage regulations; and providing a penalty clause, a repealer clause, a savings clause, a severability clause, a publication clause, and an effective date.

WHEREAS, the City Secretary of Plano, Texas, directed that notices of a hearing be issued, as required by the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Plano and laws of the State of Texas, at a meeting of the City Council, to be held on the 28th day of August, 2023, for the purpose of considering a change in the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the City Secretary of said City accordingly caused to be issued and published the notices required by its Zoning Ordinance and laws of the State of Texas applicable thereto, the same having been published in a paper of general circulation in the City of Plano, Texas, at least fifteen (15) days prior to the time set for such hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of said City, pursuant to such notice, held its public hearing and heard all persons wishing to be heard both for and against the aforesaid change in the Zoning Ordinance, on the 28th day of August, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is of the opinion and finds that such change should be adopted, would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare, and will promote the best and most orderly development of the properties affected thereby, and to be affected thereby, in the City of Plano, and as well, the owners and occupants thereof, and the City generally.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLANO, TEXAS, THAT:

Section I. Subsection 15.1800.4 (Occupancy and Permitting Requirements) of Section 15.1800 (Backyard Cottages) of Article 15 (Use-specific Regulations) of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City, Ordinance No. 2015-5-2, as the same has been heretofore amended, is hereby further amended, subsection to read in its entirety as follows:

.4 Permitting Requirements

The building-permit applicant must provide to the city a covenant suitable for recording with the county, providing notice to prospective owners of the subject lot that the backyard cottage cannot be sold separately from the main dwelling unit. The covenant must require owners of the property to notify a prospective buyer of the limitations of this section. The covenant must also require all owners to remove the backyard cottage and restore the site to a single-family dwelling in the event that the covenant is violated. After city review and

approval of the covenant, the applicant must record it. Proof of recording is required prior to issuance of a building permit.

Section II. All provisions of the ordinances of the City of Plano in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, and all other provisions of the Ordinances of the City of Plano, not in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section III. The repeal of any ordinance or part of ordinances effectuated by the enactment of this Ordinance shall not be construed as abandoning any action now pending under or by virtue of such ordinance or as discontinuing, abating, modifying or altering any penalty accruing or to accrue, or as affecting any rights of the municipality under any section or provisions of any ordinance at the time of passage of this Ordinance.

Section IV. Any violation of the provisions or terms of this ordinance by any person, firm or corporation shall be a misdemeanor offense and shall be subject to a fine in accordance with Section 1-4(a) of the City Code of Ordinances for each offense. Every day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section V. It is the intention of the City Council that this Ordinance, and every provision hereof, shall be considered severable and the invalidity or partial invalidity of any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

Section VI. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on the 28th day of August, 2023.

John B. Muns, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Lisa C. Henderson, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Paige Mims, CITY ATTORNEY