



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: October 30, 2024

TITLE:

Proposal to amend section SEC. 6.5.003 BUILDING STANDARDS PER PLACE TYPE **A – LOT OCCUPATION** (table) **by adding additional dwelling unit category and** to reduce the number of dwelling units allowed by right from two (2) to one (1) unless authorized by the Development Review Committee and/or the Planning Commission.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

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BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The B3 code was adopted in November of 2019, and subsequently amended in April of 2022. From 2016 to 2023, Bastrop’s population grew by approximately 34.3%. With the increased growth from Austin to the west, the availability of large land parcels, the availability of water, and abundant natural resources, the growth shows no signs of slowing.

“The intent of the Code is to establish the Standards that enable, encourage, and ensure the community achieves:

- ✓ ***Fiscal Sustainability***
- ✓ ***Geographically Sensitive Developments***
- ✓ ***Perpetuation of Authentic Bastrop” pg. 11 – B3 Code***

While the aspirational ideas envisioned in the preamble of the B3 code (as noted above) to provide for fiscal sustainability, geographically sensitive developments, and perpetuation of Authentic Bastrop, several segments of the code accomplished just the opposite.

In 2023, Council was presented with a draft Drainage Master Plan that cost more than 120M dollars.¹

The “fiscal sustainability” aspect of the code means a greater tax base for the City, not fiscal sustainability for the resident.

The existing B3 code allows for two (2) additional dwelling units per lot. It allows an additional accessory unit for a total of four (4) buildings per lot with the primary structure included.

1. <https://www.cityofbastrop.org/upload/page/0569/docs/City%20of%20Bastrop%20Drainage%20Master%20Plan.pdf>

However, the code does not require onsite parking; all parking shifts from the lot to the street and the neighborhood is left a congested mess.

Further, the elimination of lot size minimums creates a mathematical problem that may be too expensive for the city to maintain.

Example: An existing parcel of land containing 3.7 acres, of which the existing surrounding environment lot size is ½ acre lots is planned for subdivision. The proposal is for more than 30+ units in the same footprint previous planners planned for 7-8 units. Now add 2 additional dwelling units as well as no parking number required. The previous 8 units has become a potential 10X increase in the number of dwellings.

This increased density is an increase in water demand, wastewater demand, electrical demand, and stormwater runoff increase which is only partially paid by the development community and the rest is paid via utility rates, etc of existing consumers and residents.

The proposal is to decrease the number of Additional Dwelling Units required from two (2) to one (1) unless there is adequate impervious cover ability, parking, and infrastructure necessary to maintain the unit.

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	Place Types	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5
A. LOT OCCUPATION						
	Lot Coverage		40% max	50%-60%-max	60%-70% max	65%-80%
	Facade Buildout at Build-to-Line		40% min 40	40% min	60% min	80% min
	Build-to-Line		ft-no max	10 ft – 25 ft*	5 ft – 15 ft	2 ft – 15 ft
	Additional		1 2	1 2	1 2	1 2
	Dwelling Units allowed per Lot*					

** Additional Dwelling Units may be increased if the applicant can meet all infrastructure requirements.*

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the amendments as proposed by staff.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. None – Redlines shown above

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