ORDINANCE NO. 2024-50

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BASTROP CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 14, THE BASTROP BUILDING BLOCK (B3) CODE, ARTICLE 6.3 GENERAL LOT STANDARDS, SECTION 6.3.006 PARKING, (A), (B)(1), AND (B)(2) AS ATTACHED IN EXHIBIT A; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE, PROPER NOTICE, AND MEETING.

- **WHEREAS**, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001, the City Council of the City of Bastrop has general authority to amend an ordinance that is for the good government, peace, or order of the City and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the City; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapters 211, 212, 214, and 217 the City Council of the City of Bastrop has general authority to regulate planning, zoning, subdivisions, and the construction of buildings; and
- WHEREAS, this amendment seeks to clarify the intent of the parking regulations, clarify where shared parking is allowed; as opposed to placing all parking on the street causing street congestion and making it difficult for first responders to navigate congested streets and
- **WHEREAS**, the City Council find that certain amendments to the aforementioned ordinances are necessary and reasonable to meet changing conditions and are in the best interest of the City.

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

- **Section 1. Finding of Fact:** The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.
- **Section 2.** Amendment To Bastrop Building Block Code (B3), Section 6.3.006 of the Bastrop Building Code is hereby amended and shall read in accordance with Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes. Any struck-through text shall be deleted from the Code, as shown in each of the attachments.
- Section 3. Severability. If any clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unenforceable for any reason, such unenforceable clause or provision shall be severed from the remaining portion of the Ordinance, which shall continue to have full force and effect.

- Repeal. This Ordinance shall be and is hereby cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Bastrop, Texas, and this Ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other Ordinances, are hereby repealed.
- Section 5. <u>Effective Date.</u> This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its final passage and any publication in accordance with the requirements of the City of Bastrop and the laws of the State of Texas.

APPROVED:

READ & ACKNOWLEDGED on First Reading on this the 10th day of **December** 2024.

READ & ADOPTED on Second Reading on this the 14th day of January 2025.

ATTEST:	by:	Lyle Nelson, Mayor
City Secretary		
APPROVED AS TO FORM:		
City Attorney		

Exhibit A

EXHIBIT A

- (1) Alleys make it possible for rear accessed lots to be created, preserving the public frontages from interruptions of driveways and Curb-cuts.
- (2) Safety as sidewalks and pedestrians become separated from the access requirements of vehicles.
- (3) They create a more casual neighborhood space adjacent to backyard activity centers leaving the front of the House as a more formal community space.

(d) Driveways:

- (1) Where Alleys are present, all vehicular access shall be provided from the Alley.
- (2) Where a Lot does not have access to an Alley, driveways are allowed in accordance with this section.
- (3) For corner lots, all driveways shall be located at the Secondary Frontage.
- (4) Driveways shall be located as far from the adjacent public Street intersection as practical to achieve maximum

- available corner clearance, with consideration of property limits, adjacent Curb cuts, topography, and existing Drainage facilities. Non-Alley loaded driveways may intersect a Street no closer than twenty (20) feet from the intersection of 2 Street rights- of-way in P1, P2, and P3, and forty (40) feet in P4 and P5.
- (5) Mid-Block lots greater than 40' in width at the Frontage are allowed one Driveway with a maximum width of 24' for two-way and 12' for one-way driveways.
- (6) In P4 and P5, driveways accessing up to 80 feet wide of Street right-of-way must be spaced 200 feet apart centerline to centerline, and driveways accessing more than an 80 feet wide Street right-of-way must be spaced 300 feet apart centerline to centerline.
- (7) Nothing in this section shall prevent all Site access to any property.

SEC. 6.3.006 PARKING

(a) Intent: Parking shall not be the driver of Site planning.

The Standards in the Code support this notion through limited and eliminating parking. The intent of building a walkable, bikeable, and an easily navigable City means all mode of transportation are available to reduce the reliance on the car.

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- (b) The location of the parking shall be established and shown on the Neighborhood Regulating Plan, Zoning Concept Scheme, and/or Site Plan:
- (1) Shared parking is available and determined with the Site Plan in P2, P4, and P5, where it does not cause undue hardship to the existing built environment or neighborhood. Lot coverage shall not exceed the Place Type Standards.
- (2) Parking requirements in P3 will be market driven shall require one (1) parking space per bedroom. Lot coverage shall not exceed the Place Type Standards.
 - a) Minimum parking space as measuring ten feet by twenty feet (10' x 20').
 - b) The required minimum parking spaces must not obstruct sidewalks.
- (3) Parking in EC shall be recommended by the DRC and part of the submittal package submitted for approval and handled through a public consultation process.
- (4) P5 shall establish parking maximums based on the market demands per use as determined

- by the DRC at the time of Application.
- (5) On-site surface parking must be located in the Second Layer or Third Layer of each Lot as defined by the Place Types Standards.
- (6) Residential garage access is permitted from the public Street or from an Alley. Access may be taken from the Street or corner lots, in which case the garage doors may face the side street.
- (7) Residential garage front facades must begin in the Third Layer. Residential garage facades, if provided, shall begin in the second or third layer and on-site parking is allowed in the first layer.
- (8) Open parking areas shall be masked from the Frontage by building or Street screening and will be regulated in size by Lot cover requirements of the Place Type.
- (9) Parking spaces provided internal to a Lot shall be located entirely behind the minimum rear Setback as specified by Building Type and Place Type.

SSEC. 6.3.007 CROSS ACCESS CONNECTIONS

(a) Cross-access easements and connections to adjoining properties shall be required to connect driveways and parking lots where no Alley is present. In the event these