

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BASTROP CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 14, THE BASTROP BUILDING BLOCK (B3) CODE, CHAPTER 10, DEFINITIONS, ADDING DEFINITIONS FOR NATIVE PLANTS, INVASIVE PLANTS, AND ISA-CERTIFIED ARBORIST 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, trees and the construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these amendments are add definitions introduced with these amendments in order to add clarity.

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), Chapter 10 Definitions 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.

Section 4. 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provisions of this Ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other Ordinances, are hereby repealed.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. Effective Date. 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.

READ & ACKNOWLEDGED on First Reading on this the 11th day of February 2025.

READ & ADOPTED on Second Reading on this the 25th day of February 2025.

APPROVED:

by: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Exhibit A

Definitions to be added;

Native Plants - are plants that have been growing in a particular habitat and region, typically for thousands of years or much longer. Also called indigenous, they are well adapted to the climate, light, and soil conditions that characterize their ecosystem. Within this system, they have evolved tremendously important co-evolutionary relationships with the other plants, animals, fungi, and bacteria present, and these very complex relationships keep that particular ecosystem stable.

Invasive Plants - plants that are not native to a particular habitat, and once introduced, they move aggressively into a habitat and monopolize resources such as light, nutrients, water, and space to the detriment of other species.

ISA-Certified Arborist - International Society of Arboriculture tested and certified to have a professional level of knowledge and skill in the field of arboriculture.