

(b) Nonconforming Status

(1) Any use, platted Lot, or Structure that does not conform with the Standards of the Place Type Zoning District description where it is located shall be deemed a nonconforming use or Structure when:

- A. The use, platted Lot, or Structure was in existence and lawfully operating on the time of the passage of the previous Code passed September 14, 1999, and has since been in regular and continuous use; or
- B. The use, platted Lot, or Structure is a lawful use at the time of the adoption of any amendment to this Code but by such amendment is placed in a district wherein such use, platted Lot, or Structure is not otherwise permitted and has since been in regular and continuous use; or
- C. The use, platted Lot, or Structure was in existence at the time of annexation to the City and has since been in regular and continuous use.

(c) Continuing Lawful Use of Property & Existence of Structures

(1) The lawful use of land or lawful existence of Structures at the time of the passage of this Code, although such do not conform to the provisions hereof, may be continued; but if said nonconforming use or Structure is discontinued for a period of 6 months or longer, a rebuttable presumption is created that the nonconforming use was intended to be abandoned, any future use of said Premises shall be in conformity with the provisions of this Code.

(2) Discontinuance of a nonconforming use or Structure shall commence on the actual act or date of discontinuance. Abandonment of a nonconforming Structure shall commence on the act or date of abandonment.

(3) When a nonconforming use or Structure that does not meet the Development Standards in this Code ceases to be used for a period of 6 months or longer, such use shall not be resumed and proof of such event shall constitute prima facie evidence of an act of abandonment. Any nonconforming use that does not involve a permanent type of Structure or operation and that is moved from the Premises shall be

considered to have been abandoned. Manufactured homes and mobile homes may be replaced once per the Texas Occupations Code.

- (4) No nonconforming use or Structure may be expanded, reoccupied with another nonconforming use, or increased as of the effective date of this Code, unless authorized by the ZBA OR can be administratively resolved if the following condition exists, properties within 200 feet the adjacent structures have a similar encroachments, building standards, or lot standards, or setbacks or build to lines. The following determination can be made by the Director of Development Services when the applicant meets the surround built environment.
- (5) Conforming Residential uses on platted lots approved prior to this Code, that may now be nonconforming due to stricter Standards, shall be deemed in conformance with this Code as long as the use of the Lot is allowed in the respective district.
- (6) Any existing vacant Lot platted prior to the adoption of this Code, that was legally conforming, shall be deemed a conforming Lot subject to the provisions applicable to Lots of Records as defined in Sec. 1.3.013.