

AN ORDINANCE

NO. _____

An ordinance amending the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) for Columbus, Georgia to add certain definitions and provide standards for various uses:

THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 13 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a definition for Dwelling, condominium to read as follows:

“Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.

Dwelling, condominium means a unit in a series or in multi-unit type structure which may be owned or leased by an individual, firm, or corporation who may have common use of all related activities associated with the structure.”

SECTION 2.

Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by adding Banquet Facilities and Assembly Halls as permitted uses in the Central River District (CRD) zoning district by revising Table 3.1.1 as shown below:

Use	H I S T	R E 1 0	R E 5	R E 1	R T	S F 1	S F 2	S F 3	S F 4	R F 1	R F 2	M H P	U P T	C R D	N C	R O	C O	G C	S A C	L M I	H M I	T M E C H	N O T E S	
Asse m b l y H a l l													P	P				P						
Banq u e t F a c i l i t i e s													P	P	P	S E		P						

SECTION 3.

Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by adding Cryptocurrency Mining as a Special Exception Use in the HMI zoning districts by revising Table 3.1.1 to add the entry shown below:

Use	H I S T	R 1 0	R 5	R 1	R T	S R 1	S R 2	S R 3	S R 4	R F 1	R F 2	M H P	U P T	C R D	N C	R O	C O	G C	S A C	L M I	H M I	T E C H	N O T E S
Cryptocurrency Mining																						S E	*

SECTION 4.

Chapter 3 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a new Section 3.2.77 Cryptocurrency Mining to Chapter 3, Article 2. Additional Standards Applicable to Specific Uses to read as follows:

“Section 3.2.77 Cryptocurrency Mining.

Cryptocurrency Mining shall comply with the standards listed below:

- A. *Distance from Residential Dwellings and/or Residential Zones.* Cryptocurrency mining shall be a minimum of 750 feet from a residential dwelling, units, institutional dwelling units, and residentially zoned properties.
- B. *Special Exception Use.* Cryptocurrency mining shall only be permitted as Special Exception Use as approved by City Council.
- C. *Renewable Energy.* These facilities shall be required to develop or purchase sufficient new renewable energy (from the appropriate utility) to offset 100 percent of the electricity consumed by the cryptocurrency mining operation. To meet this condition, the cryptocurrency mining operation must be able to establish that their actions will introduce new renewable energy onto the electrical grid beyond what would have been developed otherwise.
- D. *Sound Limit.* A sound limit emitted from this operation as measured at the property line shall not exceed 60 decibels.
- E. *Storage units.* The use of cargo containers, semi-truck trailers, and other storage containers for any component of the operation shall be prohibited.
- F. *Structures.* Mining operations shall take place in a permanent structure with a valid Certificate of Operation.”

SECTION 5.

Chapter 4 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by adding parking requirements for Cryptocurrency Mining to Table 4.3.3:

Off-Parking Street Parking Standards

Category of Use	Parking Spaces Required	Additional Standards
(GSF= Gross Square Feet)		
Recreation		
Cryptocurrency Mining	5 total spaces	N/A

SECTION 6.

Chapter 13 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by adding a new definition for Cryptocurrency mining to read as follows:

“Sec. 13.1.1. Definitions.

Cryptocurrency mining means the operation of specialized computer equipment for the purpose of mining one or more blockchain-based cryptocurrencies, such as Bitcoin. This activity typically involves the solving of algorithms as part of the development and maintenance of a blockchain which is a type of distributed ledger maintained on a peer-to-peer network. Typical physical characteristics of cryptocurrency mining include specialized computer hardware for mining operations as well as equipment to cool the hardware and operating space. For the purposes of the associated regulations, cryptocurrency mining does not include the exchange of cryptocurrency or any other type of virtual currency nor does it encompass the use, creation, or maintenance of all types of peer-to-peer distributed ledgers.”

SECTION 7.

Chapter 4 of the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby amended by adding *storage locations* requirements as a new paragraph E of Section 4.2.24 to read as follows:

“Sec. 4.2.24 Storage of Recreational Vehicles, Boats, and Trailers

E. *Storage Location.* Storage of Recreational Vehicles, Boats, and Trailers on the right-of-way is prohibited.”

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 24_ day of January, 2023; introduced a second time at a regular meeting of said Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2023 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen	voting _____
Councilor Barnes	voting _____
Councilor Cogle	voting _____
Councilor Crabb	voting _____
Councilor Davis	voting _____
Councilor Garrett	voting _____
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