

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE FOR
HEARING REGARDING
DRUG DEPENDENCE TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed its policies and procedures with respect to the Hearing for Drug Dependence Treatment Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the current references to Hearing for Drug Dependence Treatment Facilities are outdated and should be updated; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Dacula to amend the City Code to adopt the amendment outlined herein;

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DACULA HEREBY ORDAINS that the existing Section 1710, Special Public Hearing for Drug Dependence Treatment Facilities be deleted, and the following adopted and substituted in its place:

Section 1710. Special Public Hearing for Drug Dependence Treatment Facilities.

The following procedure shall be followed for advanced hearing related to any proposed drug dependence treatment facilities:

- (a) When a proposed map amendment or special use application relates to or will allow the location or relocation of a halfway house, drug rehabilitation center, or other facility for treatment of drug dependence, a special public hearing shall be held on the proposed request. Such special public hearing shall be held at least six (6) months and not more than nine (9) months prior to the date of final action on the application by the City Council. The hearing required by this subsection shall be in addition to the public hearing required under the City Code.
- (b) Notice of Special Public Hearing.
 - 1. The City shall give notice of such special public hearing by providing notice of the hearing in the same manner as required for public hearings under the City Code.
 - 2. Both the posted notice and the published notice shall include a prominent statement that the proposed map amendment or special use application relates to or would allow the location or relocation of a halfway house, drug rehabilitation center, or other facility for treatment of drug dependency.

SECTION 2

In the event any Court of competent jurisdiction determines that any portion of the foregoing amendment is invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise illegal, such rulings shall not impair the validity of the rest and remainder of this amendment.

SECTION 3

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4

The City Administrator, Assistant City Administrator, and Director of Planning and Economic Development are further authorized to correct typographical errors in the text of the existing Code of Ordinances and to produce and publish a final codified version of the City Code with the amendments and revisions outlined herein.

SECTION 5

This Ordinance and the amendments outlined herein shall be effective immediately upon their adoption by the Mayor and City Council.

SO ORDAINED by the governing authority of the City of Dacula, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

AYES: ____

NAYES: ____

ATTEST:

HUGH D. KING, III
MAYOR, CITY OF DACULA

BRITTNI NIX,
CITY ADMINISTRATOR