



PLANNING & ZONING STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: July 25, 2022

GENERAL INFORMATION

Petition Number: TMOD 22-001

Applicant: Stonecrest Planning and Zoning Department

Project Location: City-Wide

Proposed amendment: Amendment to Stonecrest Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27, standardizing land use definitions and terms and to clarify and update the uses allowed in each zoning district.

Facts and Issues:

- So many amendments have been made to the Zoning Ordinance since its original adoption in 2017, that questions often arise as to how the ordinance actually reads, let alone how to interpret it. Even Municode, a service that the city uses to codify the code is not up to date as of the writing of this report. Twelve text amendments alone were adopted in 2021 and none are included on the codified version of the Zoning Ordinance found online.
- To address this problem, staff has prepared two versions of the code in Adobe PDF digital format: (1) A version that includes all known adopted text amendments as of January 24, 2022, and (2) a June 14, 2022 draft version of the Zoning Ordinance that includes this text amendment TMOD-22-001 with all changes denoted by strikethrough and underline.
- For the sake of brevity only the June 14, 2022 version the code is included in the Planning Commission packet. The February 28, 2022 version can be found online on the city website.
- Throughout the adopted zoning ordinance numerous terms are used to describe the same land use, this text modification is an attempt to standardize those terms for the sake of consistency and readability.
- Many terms used in the current Zoning Ordinance are not defined, so additional definitions were added to help with document clarity.



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- In preparing any updated version of the ordinance, several inconsistency and Scribner's errors were discovered which are corrected in this draft text. In short, this text amendment is primarily a much needed housekeeping exercise that should help citizens, developers and city officials all gain a better understanding of what is included in the City's adopted Zoning Ordinance.

Proposal:

- Staff is recommending that TMOD-22-001 be APPROVED as presented in the track changes version of the entire Zoning Ordinance dated June 14, 2022, and as summarized in Attachment 1, TMOD-22-001 Summary of Changes Table
- All of the proposed changes included in TMOD-22-001 are summarized in a 16-page table included in your packet, Attachment 1.
- Note that the table of contents included in PDF of the zoning ordinance is hyperlinked for ease of navigation.

Staff Recommendation: Approval of TMOD-22-001

Planning Commission Recommendation: Planning Commission heard the case on February 1, 2022, and recommends to City Council **a full cycle Deferral** back to the Planning Commission to allow more time to review the proposal.

Recommended approval on June 6, 2022

City Council recommended deferral at the June 29th regular council meeting

ATTACHMENTS:

1. TMOD-22-001 Summary of Changes
2. June 14, 2022 Draft Zoning Ordinance – with TMOD-22-001 changes shown in strikethrough and underline.