

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO.: 2016
ENROLLED ORDINANCE NO.: _____

INTRODUCED BY:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TITLE 15.08 OF LARAMIE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS.

WHEREAS, on August 21, 2007, the City Council adopted the Laramie Comprehensive Plan which lists as one of its recommendations to create a unified development code that would combine the zoning and subdivision ordinances in into a single, unified document consisting of multiple parts or sections, including administrative procedures, zoning, subdivision regulations and improvement standards;

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2009 the Laramie Planning Commission affirmatively voted to recommend to the Laramie City Council adoption of the Unified Development Code subject to modifications;

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2010, the City Council adopted the Unified Development Code with an effective date of July 1, 2010;

WHEREAS, 15.02.050 of the Laramie Municipal Code (LMC) calls for the Unified Development Code to be amended from time to time so as to become or remain consistent with the Comprehensive Plan, and should be regularly reviewed, evaluated and amended, if necessary, based on private and city economic conditions, vision for the community, changing planning and zoning principles, frequent difficulty in implementing or enforcing any specific standard(s), or changes in the state, federal or case law;

WHEREAS, the 2011 Downtown Development Plan states that it is critical that there is language in the City's regulations that supports the character and redevelopment of downtown, and the Unified Development Code is a significant step in that direction;

WHEREAS, the 2007 Laramie Comprehensive Plan, Chapter 3, Community Character, includes numerous citations of action statements that are directly related to downtown, specifically that it recommends zoning code amendments and encourages standards for mixed-use development;

WHEREAS, on June 22, 2020, the Laramie Planning Commission affirmatively voted to recommend to the Laramie City Council adoption of amendments to the Laramie Municipal Code as shown in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Laramie City Council held a public hearing on July 21, 2020 to take and consider public comments;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE:

Section 5. That LMC 15.08.030.E.2.c.(xii).(15) is amended to read as follows: "**Commercial outdoor temporary signs and banners are prohibited except those permitted per LMC Section 15.14.120.C.4 Temporary Signs;**" and

Section 7. That LMC 15.08.030.E.2.c.(xv) is amended to read as follows: "**(xv) Patio Design and Materials**

- (1) For all new construction, a patio is a portion of the ground floor area ratio (FAR) that is a maximum of 20 percent of the 80 percent required under LMC Section 15.08.030.E.2.b.(i).(6) that is outside the footprint of a building and still is accessible to the users of that building.**
- (2) If a patio is located abutting a right-of-way, the portion that abuts the right-of-way shall be fenced or restricted from access to the public other than by an ADA accessible opening.**

- (3) The fence or wall must be designed so that it is transparent above 4 feet or limits its height to 4 feet.
- (4) All fences and walls must be constructed out of one of the following approved materials:
 - a. Wrought Iron
 - b. Brick
 - c. Tile
 - d. Similar material to that of the building it's connected to
 - e. Decorative Fencing or other material (as approved by the City Manager's Office);

Section 8. That LMC 15.08.030.E.2.c.(xii).(3), (4), (5) is amended to read as follows:

(3) Projecting signs shall not project over public property more than ~~1/3~~ 1/2 the distance from the building to the curb, and not project into a public parking lot. A sign shall not project over the street line. Projecting signs shall fit within the architectural features of the building and be a minimum of eight feet above the ground.

(4) Projecting signs shall not exceed ~~15~~ 30 square feet per building face.

(5) Corner projecting signs are encouraged and shall not exceed ~~15~~ 45 square feet per face.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2020.

 Joe Shumway, Mayor and President of the
 City Council

Attest: _____
 Nancy Bartholomew
 City Clerk

First Reading: August 4, 2020
 Public Hearing: July 21, 2020
 Second Reading: August 18, 2020
 Third Reading and Final Action: September 1, 2020

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