

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO.: 1964
ENROLLED ORDINANCE NO.: 1731

INTRODUCED BY: PAULEKAS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 15 OF LARAMIE MUNICIPAL CODE, 15.14.080.C.4.C – DESIGN STANDARDS – GARAGES, OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ALLOW FOR GARAGES FOR SINGLE-FAMILY ATTACHED (DUPLEX) STRUCTURES TO HAVE A LARGER PERCENTAGE OF GARAGE DOOR COMPARED TO THE OVERALL FACADE, IF THE HOME IS TWO STORIES IN HEIGHT AND MEET OTHER MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS.

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, on March 27, 2017, the Laramie Planning Commission affirmatively voted to recommend to the Laramie City Council adoption of amendment to the Laramie Municipal Code as shown in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Laramie City Council held a public hearing on May 2, 2017 to take and consider public comments;

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

Section 1. That LMC 15.14.080.C.4.c. is amended to read as follows:

c. For single-family and single-story duplex dwellings with street-facing attached two-car garage doors shall not comprise more than forty-five percent of the façade width of each dwelling or eighteen feet of each dwelling, whichever is lesser (see Figure 15.14.080-6); and attached three-car garage doors shall not comprise more than fifty-five percent of the façade width of each dwelling or twenty-seven feet of each dwelling, whichever is lesser.

This standard may be changed through a minor administrative modification process for pre-existing narrow lots.

For two-story duplex dwellings, street-facing attached two-car garage doors shall not comprise more than sixty-seven percent of the façade width of each dwelling or eighteen feet of each dwelling, whichever is lesser, provided that the second story living space projects over at least fifty percent of the garage width with a maximum offset of seven feet behind the face of the garage; and, at a minimum, the second story be at least the same width as the garage or greater than fifty percent of the structure; and attached three-car garage door shall not comprise more than sixty-seven percent.


Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective after its passage, approval and its publication.

Passed and approved this 16th day of May, 2017.



Andi Summerville, Mayor and President of the
City Council

Attest:



Angie Johnson
City Clerk

First Reading: April 18, 2107
Public Hearing: May 2, 2017
Second Reading: May 2, 2017
Third Reading and Final Action: May 16, 2017

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