

<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>ORIGINATING DEPT./DIV.</b>
<b>AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 22 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO DEMOLITION DELAY IN THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO</b>	06/3/2021	<b>SPONSOR OR COUNCILMEMBER</b> COUNCILWOMAN FULLER

**PURPOSE**

This ordinance will reduce the automatic demolition delay of property located in the Downtown Development District in the absence of good cause shown for an extended delay period.

This Ordinance or Resolution will have direct impact on Council District:

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Section 22.3 of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances currently provides for a delay of 180 days prior to the issuance of a demolition permit for structures located in the Downtown Development District. In an effort to allow for more efficient elimination of blighted property and improve the overall appearance of downtown Shreveport, this proposed ordinance seeks to reduce the amount of time for delay of the demolition of property located in the Downtown Development District to 30 days and requires good cause be shown as to why a demolition delay should be extended up to 180 days.

**TIMETABLE**

Introduction: **June 8, 2021**

Final Passage: **June 22, 2021**

**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS****FINANCES**

N/A

**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

N/A

**CONCLUSION**

The council may:

1. Approve the Resolution if deemed appropriate.
2. Approve an amended version of the Resolution.
3. Reject the Resolution.

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

Thea R. Scott, Deputy City Attorney

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**BY COUNCIL MEMBER: FULLER**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Shreveport desires to more effectively eliminate the presence of blighted property within the Downtown Development District; and

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due regular and legal session convened, that Chapter 22, Article I is hereby amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

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**Chapter 22 – BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS**

**ARTICLE I- IN GENERAL**

Sec. 22-3. Demolition delay in the Downtown Development District.

- (a) Any application for a demolition permit involving a structure in the Downtown Development District, as defined in R.S. 33:2740.38, shall be delayed 30 days from the date of filing of any application for a demolition permit in an attempt to secure an alternative purchaser/use.
- (b) When any application for a demolition permit is delayed pursuant to this section, the chief building official shall, within 10 days of receipt of the application notify the director of the downtown development authority of the application.
- (c) The city council may allow an extension of demolition delay for up to 180 days retroactive to the date of the filing of any application for a demolition permit only upon a showing of good cause at a public hearing requested by the director of the downtown development authority prior to the elapse of the initial 30 day demolition delay.
- (d) The city council shall have the authority to approve the immediate issuance of a demolition permit by resolution at any time.
- (e) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any procedural requirement relative to properties lying within any Historic Preservation Overlay District.

(Ord. No. 124, 2019 , 9-24-19)

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**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the remainder of Chapter 22, of the City of Shreveport Code of Ordinances shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

**THUS DONE AND ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY