

**FACT SHEET****CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA**

<b><u>TITLE</u></b> An ordinance to amend the Metropolitan Planning Commission's fee schedule for the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Unified Development Code relative to fees for the Waiver of Landscape Requirements, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.	<b><u>DATE</u></b> September 14, 2021	<b><u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u></b> Shreveport   Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission ("MPC") <b><u>COUNCIL DISTRICT</u></b> City-wide <b><u>SPONSOR</u></b>
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**PURPOSE**

To adopt an ordinance to amend the *Schedule of Fees* relative to the Waiver of Landscape Requirements.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

The Shreveport UDC requires revisions concerning the following areas: The Short-Term Rental Property. A description of the fee additions are as follows:

**FEE FOR WAIVER OF LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS:**

LANDSCAPE REDUCTION: \$350

Per code text amendments MPC staff presented before the MPC on September 01, 2021 (Case 21-134-C), for the waiver of landscape requirements. This new provision allows any applicant to request a Waiver of Landscape Requirements to the Executive Director towards any portion of the landscape ordinance. The factors in deterring a waiver include that applicant has explored all alternative measures, demonstrated that landscaping is not feasible, and that circumstances upon which a waiver is sought would put the proposed development into a variance situation which is against the public interest. Decisions may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**TIMETABLE**

Introduction to City Council:	September 14, 2021
Final Passage by City Council:	September 28, 2021

**ATTACHMENTS**

Exhibit "A"	Schedule of Fees
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**SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS**

None

**FINANCES**

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**SOURCE OF FUNDS**

NA

**ALTERNATIVES**

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance.

**FACT SHEET PREPARED BY:**

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ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF 2021

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION'S FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATIVE TO FEES FOR THE WAIVER OF LANDSCAPE REQUIREMENTS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.**

**BY COUNCILMEMBER:**

**WHEREAS**, Article 25 of the Shreveport Unified Development Code ("Shreveport UDC") states that, the City Council shall adopt the required application fees by ordinance and a schedule of such fees shall be kept on file in the office of the Metropolitan Planning Commission ("MPC"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Waiver of Landscape Requirements were proposed as code text amendments in the Shreveport UDC; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in a due, legal and regular session convened, that the Shreveport Unified Development Code Schedule of Fees, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part hereof, is hereby adopted as attached.

**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, resolutions, 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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City Attorney's Office