

FACT SHEET

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

TITLE An ordinance to amend various articles and sections in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Unified Development Code, relative to surfacing requirements for parking lots, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.	DATE September 13, 2022	ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT Shreveport Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission (“MPC”) COUNCIL DISTRICT City-wide SPONSOR
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PURPOSE
To amend the code text in the Shreveport Unified Development Code.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION
The City of Shreveport Unified Development Code (UDC) undergoes regular review to ensure that the Code promotes sound, stable, and desirable development to correct errors in the text or to accommodate changed or changing conditions in a particular area. These proposed amendments relate to surfacing requirements for parking lots. Trucking and shipping play a vital role in Shreveport’s economy and the metro area has an increasing number of heavy trucks in part due to growing logistics/warehousing industries. With more trucks, there is a need for more truck parking. Expanding the surfacing requirements for parking lots for heavy truck parking should result in the development of more locations for such storage. However, if not adequately regulated, surfacing requirements that is poorly managed or over-concentrated may adversely impact area residents. These proposed regulations should effectively provide for the needs of the community and mitigate potential adverse impacts on quality of life.

TIMETABLE	ATTACHMENTS
MPC Introduction: August 3, 2022	Exhibit “A” MPC Memo
MPC Review & Recommendation: September 7, 2022	Exhibit “B” MPC Staff Report
Introduction to City Council: September 13, 2022	
Final Passage by City Council: September 27, 2022	

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS
MPC Recommendation. Pursuant to La. R.S. 33:140.27 and La. R.S. 33:140.35, as amended, no amendment shall become effective unless it be first submitted to and approved (recommendation) by the MPC. The MPC reviewed these amendments and provided a favorable recommendation on September 7, 2022. Therefore, the City Council may render its decision to approve the amendments by a simple majority vote. See La. R.S. 33:140.27 and La. R.S. 33:140.35, as amended, and Shreveport UDC 16.1 (D)(3)(b).

Notice and Public Hearing at MPC. In accordance with the intent of La. R.S. 33:140.27 and La. R.S. 33:140.35, as amended, for a Public Hearing and Notice to be issued, the MPC held a Public Hearing at its Public Meeting on September 7, 2022, before voting on the proposed amendments. At least ten (10) days’ notice of the time and place of the Public Hearing was published on August 19, 2022 in *The Shreveport Times* (a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality).

FINANCES \$0	SOURCE OF FUNDS NA
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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: Adam Bailey, Community Planning and Design Manager

ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS ARTICLES AND SECTIONS IN THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, RELATIVE TO SURFACING REQUIREMENTS FOR PARKING LOTS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER:

WHEREAS, the City desires to make every effort to notify the public and to encourage public participation and input on these proposed *code text amendments* to the Shreveport Unified Development Code; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2022, the first draft proposals of these *code text amendments* were submitted to the Shreveport-Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC), at its regular public board meeting, for informal review and discussion; and

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2022, these *code text amendments* were submitted to the Shreveport-Caddo MPC, at its regular board meeting, for review and recommendation in accordance with [La. R.S. 33:140.27](#); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the intent of [La. R.S. 33:140.27](#) for a Public Hearing and Notice to be issued, the MPC held a Public Hearing at its Public Meeting, on September 7, 2022, before voting and providing a favorable recommendation, to the City Council, regarding the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the intent of [La. R.S. 33:140.35](#), at least ten (10) days' Notice of the time and place of the Public Hearing was published, at the request of the Shreveport-Caddo MPC staff, in *The Shreveport Times* (a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality) and said Notice was published on August 19, 2022; 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 following amendments to the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Unified Development Code ("Shreveport UDC") are hereby authorized as follows:

1. Amend "H. Surfacing" in ARTICLE 8. OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING, SECTION 8.5. DESIGN OF VEHICLE PARKING SPACES in the Shreveport UDC.

8.5 DESIGN OF VEHICLE PARKING SPACES

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H. Surfacing

1. All surface parking lots must be paved with a durable all-weather material, such as concrete or asphalt. All uneven slabs must be resurfaced to provide a smooth surface. Pervious paving may be allowed, upon submission of detailed information regarding paving proposed, including a report from a professional engineer, licensed in the State of Louisiana, stating that the proposed paving and soil substrate can adequately allow percolation or infiltration of storm water at the proposed location. Gravel crushed concrete

or milled asphalt are acceptable on any property within the I-1 Light Industrial Zoning District and I-2 Heavy Industrial District, provided all of the following surfacing conditions are met:

- a. The surface material shall be designed by a professional engineer to sustain the anticipated traffic load. The surface type, along with the engineer's seal, shall be verified by the City Engineer, or his or her designee.
 - b. A paved driveway apron, made of concrete or asphalt, is required to extend from the road to at least the right-of-way line, or a minimum of fifteen (15) from the road, whichever is greater.
 - c. Should any surface material enter the public roadway, public drainage system, or public right-of-way, it shall be the responsibility of the property owner to remove the material immediately. Failure to do so may result in the following:
 - i. The Zoning Administrator is authorized to revoke a certificate of occupancy, as well as issue any zoning violations to the property owner, as applicable.
 - ii. The Director of Water and Sewerage, in accordance with the Shreveport City Code, is authorized to discontinue water service to any property discharging any surface material into the public roadway, public drainage system, or public right-of-way.
 - iii. The Director of Public Works may prohibit and/or block any public access onto the property.
 - d. Should any of the above enforcement actions take place, the site shall only regain full operation once all violations are corrected, costs reimbursed, and/or any fines paid in full, as applicable.
2. Driveways must be paved with a durable all-weather material, such as concrete or asphalt, and all uneven slabs must be resurfaced to provide a smooth surface, with the following exceptions:
- a. Single-family – detached and attached, and two-family dwellings are permitted to construct driveways constructed of pervious paving, upon submission of detailed information regarding paving proposed, including a report from a professional engineer, licensed in the State of Louisiana, stating that the proposed paving and soil substrate can adequately allow percolation or infiltration of storm water at the proposed location.
 - b. In the RA District, single-family–detached and manufactured homes are permitted a gravel driveway, however a paved driveway apron is required from the road to at least the right-of-way line, or a minimum of fifteen (15) from the road, whichever is greater.
 - c. All single-family – detached and attached, and two-family dwellings are also permitted to construct driveways that consist of two concrete wheel strips, each of which is at least 18 inches wide and at least 20 feet long. Groundcover must be planted between the strips; gravel between the strips is not permitted.

3. Any other areas used for off-street parking must be paved with a durable all-weather material, such as concrete or asphalt. All uneven slabs must be resurfaced to provide a smooth surface. Pervious paving may be allowed, upon submission of detailed information regarding paving proposed, including a report from a professional engineer licensed in the State of Louisiana, stating that the proposed paving and soil substrate can adequately allow percolation or infiltration of storm water at the proposed location. Gravel, crushed concrete or milled asphalt are acceptable on any property within the I-1 Light Industrial Zoning District and I-2 Heavy Industrial District, provided all of the following surfacing conditions are met:
 - a. The surface material shall be designed by a professional engineer to sustain the anticipated traffic load. The surface type, along with the engineer's seal, shall be verified by the City Engineer, or his or her designee.
 - b. A paved driveway apron, made of concrete or asphalt, is required to extend from the road to at least the right-of-way line, or a minimum of fifteen (15) from the road, whichever is greater.
 - c. Should any surface material enter the public roadway, public drainage system, or public right-of-way, it shall be the responsibility of the property owner to remove the material immediately. Failure to do so may result in the following:
 - i. The Zoning Administrator is authorized to revoke a certificate of occupancy, as well as issue any zoning violations to the property owner, as applicable.
 - ii. The Director of Water and Sewerage, in accordance with the Shreveport City Code, is authorized to discontinue water service to any property discharging any surface material into the public roadway, public drainage system, or public right-of-way.
 - iii. The Director of Public Works may prohibit and/or block any public access onto the property.
 - d. Should any of the above enforcement actions take place, the site shall only regain full operation once all violations are corrected, costs reimbursed, and/or any fines paid in full, as applicable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor of the City of Shreveport, or his/her designee, and the Executive Director of the Shreveport-Caddo Metropolitan Planning Commission, or his/her designee, shall be and is hereby authorized to do any and all things and to sign any and all documents in a form acceptable to the City Attorney, or his/her designee, necessary to effectuate the purposes set forth herein.

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 affect 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:

City Attorney's Office