

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO.: 2097
ENROLLED ORDINANCE NO.: 1860

INTRODUCED BY: BOWLING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LARAMIE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 15 RELATED TO THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE

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 January 13, 2025, the Laramie Planning Commission affirmatively voted to recommend to the Laramie City Council adoption of amendments to the Laramie Municipal Code subject to modification of 15.28.030.A.142. as shown in this ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Laramie City Council shall hold a public hearing on February 18, 2025 to take and consider public comments.

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

Section 1. That LMC 15.08.030.E.2.c.(i).(2).(d). is amended to read as follows:
(d) In addition to the landscaping standards stated in this subsection, see subsection ~~15.14.050.F Off-Street Parking Lot Landscaping~~ **15.14.050.G. Off-Street Parking Lot Landscaping**, for applicable interior and perimeter parking-lot landscape requirements.

Section 2. That LMC 15.08.030.E.2.c.(ii).(1). is amended to read as follows:
(1) Buildings located within the Downtown Commercial (DC) zoning district may be exempted from the trash enclosure requirements outlined in UDC section 15.14.050.I.2.c, per the City Manager or the City ~~Manger's~~ **Manager's** designee, if all the following property conditions are met:

Section 3. That LMC 15.08.030.E.2.c.(xii).(10). is amended to read as follows:
(10) Window signs shall have a minimum of opaque background, shall not fill up more than twenty percent of the window area **on each façade of the building exterior**, and shall have letters up to eight inches high.

Section 4. That LMC 15.08.030.L.2.j.(ii). is amended to read as follows:
(ii) One subdivision identification sign per development entrance shall be permitted. Each sign shall not exceed two hundred fifty square feet in sign display area and shall not exceed twenty feet in sign height. Subdivision identification signs shall be set back at least five feet from any property line, unless designed and constructed as part of an entranceway architectural feature, such as a gate, decorative wall, archway, or similar element. Subdivision identification signs shall be approved by the city manager's office. Sign placement shall not obstruct any clear vision ~~triangle~~ **area**.

Section 5. That LMC Table 15.12-2: Dimensional Requirements – Residential Districts is amended to read as follows:

[1] Front setback for principal structure may be reduced by up to ten feet, for equivalent increased setback of front-loading garage from right-of-way: see subsection 15.14.080.C.(4~~5~~).

[2] Also shall not exceed the height of the associated principal structure pursuant to subsection 15.10.030.C.3.

[3] Front setback for principal structure may be reduced by up to five feet, for equivalent increased setback of front-loading garage from right-of-way: see subsection 15.14.080.C.(4~~5~~).

[4] The land area may include one or multiple lots.

[5] The minimum dimension for one unit within a townhouse structure shall be twelve feet as measured perpendicular to the common walls.

Section 6. That LMC 15.12.010.B.1.d.(ii). is amended to read as follows:

(ii) Fire escapes **and IBC/IRC egress window wells**. Fire escapes **and IBC/IRC egress window wells** may extend into a required setback not more than six feet.

Section 7. That LMC 15.14.080.C.3 be added and the remaining subsections renumbered to read as follows:

3. Separation. The minimum separation between buildings, including accessory buildings, on the same lot or development parcel is five feet.

43. Massing. To the maximum extent practicable, the massing and use of exterior materials on attached single-family dwellings, not including townhouses, should be arranged so as to give the appearance of a large single-family house (see Figure 15.14.080-4).

5.4. Garages.

6.5. [Materials.]

Section 8. That LMC 15.14.120.D.1.c. is amended to read as follows:

c. Signs Associated with Non-Residential Uses in Residential Zoning Districts.

(i) For properties used for any permitted, ~~or conditional use,~~ **or nonconforming use** in their respective district(s), other than residential uses, no signs shall be permitted except those reviewed and approved through the Conditional Use Permit process, provided that:

(1) If the use is indicated as a Permitted Use (P) in Table 15.10.000.E of this Title, any such sign(s) shall be reviewed and approved as a separate signage Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Chapter 15.06 of this Title, prior to installation or modification; and

(2) If the use is indicated as a Conditional Use (C) in Table 15.10.000.E of this Title, any such sign(s) shall be reviewed and approved as an element in the overall use's Conditional Use Permit review and approval (or amendment thereto), pursuant to Chapter 15.06 of this Title, prior to installation or modification.

(3) If the use is a nonconforming use, any such sign(s) shall be reviewed and approved as a separate signage Conditional Use Permit pursuant to chapter 15.06 of this Title, prior to installation or modification.

Section 9. That LMC 15.18.100.A. is amended to read as follows:

A. The developer ~~may~~ **may** request and the city may reimburse the developer for oversized water mains or oversized sanitary sewer mains installed by the developer. City's reimbursement shall be limited to the incremental cost of oversized water or sewer mains and associated appurtenances that are beyond the size of the water and sewer mains necessary to provide the required water and sanitary sewer service for the development. As part of the request for reimbursement, the developer shall submit to the city manager's office invoices with itemized costs for the oversized water and sewer mains and associated appurtenances.

Section 10. That LMC 15.24.000.E.2. is amended to read as follows:

2. No person or entity or entity whose agents are guilty of three violations of working without a license in any twelve-month period shall be eligible for another license for six months following the last violation, and existing licenses shall be deemed revoked. A person or entity may appeal that license denial to the building and fire code board of appeals, whose decision is final, and which may authorize the issuance of a ~~permit-~~ **license** with conditions.

Section 11. That LMC 15.28.030.A.131. is amended to read as follows:

131. "Dwelling, **IBC/IRC** modular home" means a factory assembled residence built in units or sections, transported to a permanent site and erected on a foundation.

Section 12. That LMC 15.28.030.A.142. is amended to read as follows:

142. "Façade" means ~~any~~ **the** exterior **side** wall surface of a building, ~~-facing the front line of the lot and enclosing the interior of the building.~~

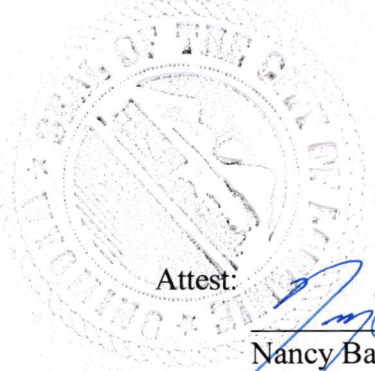
Section 13. That LMC 15.28.030.A.292. definition is added to read as follows and renumber the remaining subsections:

292. "Primary Building Façade" means the exterior side of a building that contains the most prominent entrance, usually facing a street or other public way.

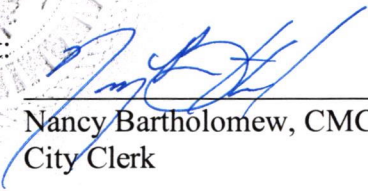
293.292. "Primary material" means material covering seventy-five percent or more of a wall elevation.

Section 14. To make this ordinance effective after passage, approval, and publication of this ordinance.

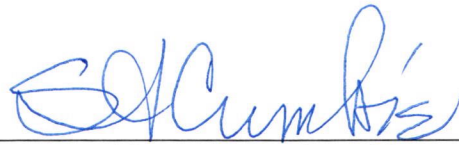
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of March 2025.



Attest:



Nancy Bartholomew, CMC
City Clerk



Sharon Cumbie, Mayor and President of the
City Council

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