

### CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF Scottsbluff City Hall Council Chambers 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA Monday, January 10, 2022 6:00 PM

### 1. Roll Call:

- **2. Nebraska open Meetings Act:** For all interested parties, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on a bulletin board at the south wall of the council chambers.
- 3. Notice of Changes in the Agenda by the City Manager: Additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24-hours before the beginning of the meeting unless added under item 4 of this agenda.
- **4.** Citizens with Items not Scheduled on the Regular Agenda: As required by State Law, no item may be considered under this item unless the Planning Commission determines that the matter requires an emergency action.
- 5. Approval of the Planning Commission Minutes From:

A the December 13, 2021 Meeting.

#### 6. New Business:

### A Public Hearing - Final Plat

Final Plat of Block 7, Five Oaks Subdivision situated in the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 22 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M., Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

### **B** Public Hearing - Rezone

Rezone of Lot 3, Block 1, Sunset Addition from C-3 Heavy Commercial to R-1A Single-Family Residential Public Hearing - Ordinance Text Change.

### C Public Hearing - Ordinance Text Change

Zoning Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 2 regarding the Gateway Green Overlay Zone.

### **D** Public Hearing - Ordinance Text Change

Zoning Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 22 regarding Landscaping.

### **E Public Hearing - Ordinance Text Change**

Zoning Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 22 regarding Off-Street Parking.

### 7. Staff Reports:

### A (Informational Only):

Upcoming Panhandle Planning Workshop on January 25, 2022 2022 Schedule of Planning Commission Meetings Annual review of Comprehensive Plan Annual review of Subdivision and Zoning Code

### 8. Other Business:

### A (Informational Only):

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### 9. Schedule Meeting:

A Confirm next meeting date of February 14, 2022

10. Adjourn

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## City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting

Item Appr. Min.1

the December 13, 2021 Meeting.

Staff Contact: Zachary Glaubius, Planning Administrator

PLANING COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING December 13, 2021 SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

The Planning Commission for the City of Scottsbluff met in regular scheduled meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Scottsbluff City Council Chambers at 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A notice of the meeting was published in the Star-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the city, on December 3, 2021. The notice stated the date, time, and location of the meeting, that the meeting was open to the public, and that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend should contact the Development Services office. An agenda was kept current and available for public inspection at the Development Services office, provided the Planning Commission can modify the agenda at the meeting if it is determined that an emergency so required. A copy of the agenda packet was delivered to each Planning Commission member.

- 1 Chairman Dana Weber called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call consisted of the following members being present, Dana Weber, Angie Aguallo, Becky Estrada, Callen Wayman, Dave Gompert, Linda Redfern (Alternate) "Absent": Anita Chadwick, Mark Westphal, Henry Huber, Jim Zitterkopf. City Officials present were Zachary Glaubius, Secretary/Planning Administrator, Taylor Stephens, GIS Analyst, and Tom Schingle, Fire Chief.
- 2 Chairman Weber informed those present of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and that a copy was located on the south wall of the Council Chambers.
- 3 Acknowledgement of any changes in the agenda: None.
- 4 Business not on the agenda: None.
- The minutes from the November 8,2021 meeting were reviewed. Conclusion: a motion was made by Wayman and seconded by Gompert to approve the minutes from November 8, 2021 meeting. "Yeas" Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Gompert, Redfern "Absent": Chadwick, Zitterkopf, Huber, Westphal. The motion carried.
- Chairman Weber opened the public hearing at 6:03 PM for Items 6A a zoning text change to Chapter 25 Article 3 regarding the addition of Vineyards & Wineries, Golf Courses, and Agricultural Attractions as principal permitted uses in the Agricultural Zoning District. Glaubius stated the applicant, Ryan Massey of Papa Moon Vineyards, received a cease letter from the city regarding holding events at the winery. Event venues is not a principal permitted use in the Ag District. Glaubius stated he and Massey met and came to an agreement to add vineyards & wineries as a principal permitted use in the Ag District. Glaubius stated city staff reviewed other Nebraska communities with vineyards & wineries, and concluded this was best route. Glaubius stated staff included golf courses and agricultural attractions to be added as principal permitted uses in the Ag District as well. Glaubius stated by adding these uses, it would clarify whether these are permitted uses or not. Glaubius stated city staff reviewed Lancaster County, Nebraska's agricultural attraction use which includes pumpkin patches and corn mazes. Glaubius stated staff recommends a positive recommendation on the zoning text change by the Planning Commission to the City Council. Applicant Ryan Massey stated that when the winery began, he was informed that Papa Moon Vineyards was not within Scotts Bluff County's zoning jurisdiction, however it has now come apparent that the winery is within the City of Scottsbluff's zoning jurisdiction. Massey stated all inspections in the past were handled by the County and state and would like to have this use added to the Ag District. Weber closed the public hearing at 6:07 PM.

- **Conclusion:** Motion by Wayman, seconded by Estrada to make a positive recommendation on the approval of the Zoning Text change regarding the addition of wineries & vineyards, golf courses, and agricultural attractions as principal permitted uses in the Agricultural Zoning District under Chapter 25 Article 3. Yeas": Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Gompert, Redfern "Nays" None "Abstained": None, "Absent": Chadwick, Westphal, Zitterkopf, Huber. The motion carried.
- Weber opened the public hearing at 6:08 PM for Item 6B regarding an ordinance text change regarding the addition of a definition to Chapter 25 Article 2 for Agricultural Attractions. Glaubius stated that staff proposed adding a definition for agricultural attractions. Glaubius read the definition of agricultural attractions, and stated it would help clarify any questions regarding the principal permitted use. Glaubius stated staff recommends a positive recommendation on the text change by the Planning Commission to the City Council. Weber closed the public hearing at 6:10 PM. **Conclusion:** Motion by Wayman, seconded by Aguallo to make a positive recommendation on the adoption of the zoning text change regarding a definition for agricultural attractions to City Council "Yeas": Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Redfern, Gompert "Nays" None "Abstained": None, "Absent": Chadwick, Zitterkopf, Huber, Westphal. The motion carried.
- Weber opened the public hearing for Item 6C regarding a zoning text change to Chapter Article 22 regarding buffer yard requirements at 6:11PM. Glaubius stated Eric Reichert is requesting the text change for the buffer yard requirement as a property owned by Reichert at the northeast corner of Avenue I and 27<sup>th</sup> Street is narrower than most lots on 27<sup>th</sup> Street, and the existing 20' buffer yard requirement would reduce the size of the off-street parking area. Glaubius stated that the buffer yard is required as Reichert's property is zoned C-2 while the adjacent property is zoned R-1A. Glaubius stated there were no exceptions to this requirement. Glaubius stated he had reviewed the buffer yard requirements of both the City of Gering and the City of Scottsbluff's Gateway Green Overlay Zone, and found both provided exceptions to this requirement which he found to be reasonable. Glaubius stated the City of Gering does not require a buffer yard if a street separates two zoning districts, and that the GG-O permits a 10' buffer yard with the installation of a 6' opaque fence. Applicant Erich Reichert stated he was pursuing the ordinance text change as he would like to move his proposed building into the required buffer yard in order to meet the off-street parking requirements of a gas station and restaurant. Reichert stated without the zoning text change, he would only be able to install the gas station and not the restaurant. Glaubius informed the Planning Commission that this zoning text change is citywide and not specifically for Reichert's property, and that staff recommends a positive recommendation by the Planning Commission on the proposed text change. Weber closed the public hearing at 6:14 PM. Weber asked if the Planning Commission members had any additional questions. Redfern asked Reichert if a fence would be installed along the alley. Reichert stated a fence would not be installed as his business needs access to the alley. Weber asked Glaubius if all alleys in the City of Scottsbluff are the same width. Glaubius stated that alleys should be consistent throughout the city, and that the wording of the text change excludes private alleys. Weber asked if the exceptions listed in the text change apply regardless of the zoning districts. Glaubius stated the buffer yard requirement comes into effect whenever two different zoning districts abut. Glaubius stated that the Municipal Code lists the different intensities. Wayman asked if the text change would repeal the existing buffer yard requirements. Glaubius stated the existing 20' buffer yard requirement will remain, and the text change will add two exceptions. Redfern stated that the text change would not affect any existing buffer yards as they are grandfathered, and Glaubius concurred. Reichert informed the Planning Commission that his business will still be required to follow the landscaped area

- requirements. Gompert asked Chief Schingle if the Fire Department supported the zoning text change, and Schingle stated the Fire Department does support the change. **Conclusion:** Motion by Wayman, seconded by Aguallo to make a positive recommendation on the buffer yard text change to City Council. Yeas": Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Gompert, Redfern "Nays" None "Abstained": None, "Absent": Chadwick, Westphal, Zitterkopf, Huber.
- 10 Weber opened the public hearing for Item 6D regarding zoning text change to Chapter 4 Article 1 regarding the inclusion of Section 107 of the 2018 International Building Code to the Municipal Code at 6:20 PM. Glaubius stated that Code Administrator II Gary Batt found an oversight in the adoption of the 2018 International Building Code into the Municipal Code. Glaubius stated that Section 107 was listed as one of the excluded sections in the Municipal Code. Glaubius stated that Section 107 allows the city code administrators to require a registered design official prepare construction documents when a construction project has special conditions. Glaubius stated that the city has been enforcing Section 107 although the Municipal Code excluded it. Weber closed the public hearing at 6:21 PM. Weber asked Glaubius if the zoning text change was to make the requirement legal since the city had been incorrectly enforcing it. Glaubius concurred. Conclusion: Motion by Estrada, seconded by Wayman to make a positive recommendation on the zoning text change regarding Section 107 to the City Council. Yeas": Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Redfern, Gompert "Nays" None "Abstained": None, "Absent": Chadwick, Huber, Westphal, Zitterkopf
- 11 Weber opened the public hearing for Item 6E regarding a preliminary plat for the Five Oaks Subdivision at 6:22 PM. Glaubius informed the Planning Commission that the preliminary plat is nearly identical with the exception of the three originally planned commercial lots along Highway 71 are consolidated into two multiple family dwelling lots. Glaubius stated all applicable city departments have reviewed the preliminary plat. Glaubius stated that since Block 7 of the preliminary plat exceeds the maximum block length of 1,320 feet, they are required to dedicate a 20' utility easement and 10' crosswalk per Code 21-1-22. Bill Trumbull of C&T Holdings partnership which owns the land spoke to the Planning Commission. Trumbull stated the reason for the new preliminary plat is due to the previous preliminary plat expiring. Trumbull stated there is an interested party looking to purchase Block 7 for multiple family dwelling. Weber closed the public hearing at 6:25 PM. Glaubius informed the Planning Commission that a positive recommendation by the commission would need to be conditional on the approval of the crosswalk and utility easement by City Council. Conclusion: Motion by Estrada, seconded by Wayman to make a positive recommendation on the preliminary plat of Five Oaks conditional on City Council's approval of the crosswalk and utility easement. Yeas": Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Redfern, Gompert "Nays" None "Abstained": None, "Absent": Chadwick, Huber, Westphal, Zitterkopf
- Addition from C-3 Heavy Commercial to R-4 Heavy Density Multiple Family Residential at 6:26 PM. Glaubius stated the property is owned by Dick Meyer, and Meyer is seeking a rezone in order to building a multiple family dwelling complex on the lot. Glaubius stated the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map identifies the area as being residential. Glaubius stated staff recommends a positive recommendation by the Planning Commission to City Council on the approval of the rezone request. Weber closed the public hearing at 6:28 PM. Redfern stated the property to be rezoned is essentially surrounded by residential zoning, and Glaubius confirmed. Glaubius stated a sign was posted on the property and letters were sent to all property owners within 300 feet. Glaubius stated he did receive some calls from neighbors, and they did not have an issue with the rezone. **Conclusion:** Motion by Estrada, seconded by Gompert to make a positive recommendation on the rezone of Lot 2A, Block 8, East Portal

Addition from C-3 to R-4 the City Council. Yeas": Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Redfern, Gompert "Nays" None "Abstained": None, "Absent": Chadwick, Huber, Westphal, Zitterkopf 13 Weber opened the public hearing for 6G regarding a zoning text change to Chapter 25 Article 2 regarding the repeal of the Gateway Green Overlay Zone (GG-O) at 6:29 PM. Glaubius explained that the GG-O zone is a 2,000-foot area along Highway 26, Highway 71, Highland Road, Highway 79-G, and portions of Avenue I and Broadway. Glaubius provided the Planning Commission with the purpose of the GG-O as listed in the Municipal Code, and reminded the Planning Commission that they recently reviewed and approved the site plan for the Tidal Wave Car Wash as it to be located in the GG-O. Glaubius stated the GG-O is focused on landscape design standards, which can also be found in Chapter 25 Articles 5, 6, and 22. Glaubius stated that staff was bringing forward the repeal of the GG-O as developers have balked at the requirements of the GG-O due to the perception of additional requirements and associated increased costs. Glaubius stated he reviewed the GG-O to identify how it is different compared to the City's Parking, Sign, and Landscaping Codes. Glaubius stated he found 17 aspects in the 7 pages of the GG-O requirements which could not be found elsewhere in Chapter 25. Glaubius stated he has consulted with the code administrators, economic development director, stormwater division, city attorney, and the city manager. Glaubius discussed the supplemental report on the GG-O. Glaubius stated the majority of the GG-O requirements can be found elsewhere in the code, and that staff is recommending a positive recommendation on the repeal of the GG-O by the Planning Commission to the City Council. Glaubius stated some of the requirements are counterintuitive, slows development along the corridor, and is a burden for staff to review and enforce. Bill Trumbull thanked staff for reviewing the GG-O as parts of the code are discombobulated, and working on making the code easier for developers to understand and staff to enforce. Eric Reichert concurred. Weber closed the public hearing at 6:37 PM. Redfern stated she was on City Council when the GG-O was passed, and one reason for its approval was the existing landscaping ordinance was not adequate. Redfern stated the city was concerned about the entrances of the city, especially when Walmart relocated to Avenue I and has a large parking lot with no landscaping. Redfern also stated there was safety considerations regarding parking lots that the GG-O addressed. Redfern asked Glaubius and the Commission if the landscaping code is strong enough to maintain the standards set by the GG-O. Glaubius stated for the most part the landscaping code is, and some aspects of the GG-O will be incorporated into the landscaping code at a later date. Glaubius stated the off-street parking code has requirements on parking lot island landscaping. Redfern stated part of the original intent of the GG-O was to have all the landscaping, off-street parking, and sign code in one spot. Trumbull concurred, but added that the code has gradually changed. Redfern concurred and stated with the staff turnover and new city councilmembers has disrupted the continuity. Redfern stated she believes it is still the City's intention to have an aesthetically pleasing community. Glaubius stated that the GG-O has text requiring it to be used in conjunction with the landscaping code, and a significant amount of GG-O text is verbatim to the landscaping code. Wayman inquired if developers would still be able to pursue a variance if the GG-O was repealed. Glaubius stated the main means of pursuing a variance would not be changed. Wayman stated that the repeal of the GG-O would remove the additional step of Planning Commission approval of site plans. Glaubius concurred and stated that Tidal Wave Car Wash may have started construction had they not been required to wait for Planning Commission approval. Wayman stated that the GG-O does not permit gravel parking lots, and asked if staff would look more into the off-street parking surface requirements of the city. Glaubius stated that staff can review to see whether gravel parking lots could rather be limited to specific zoning districts rather than be permitted everywhere in the city except the GG-O. Weber stated that the Planning Commission was shown

pictures of other community entrances when the GG-O was proposed for adoption. Weber stated that the Planning Commission obviously wanted an attractive city entrance, and a balance needs to be found between having an attractive community and not burdening developers. Weber stated the GG-O was to cover the first impressions of the city while the landscaping code was to cover the rest of the city. Weber asked if the GG-O repeal would limit enforcement in the future, and if the Planning Commission should rather amend the GG-O. Weber stated he believes the intent to have attractive looking entrances to the city still exist, and perhaps the GG-O was the first attempt to do this. Weber suggested the landscaping, offstreet parking, and sign code be revised prior to the repeal of the GG-O. Weber asked Reichert and Trumbull how they would like to see the code from the developer's side. Reichert stated as a developer, the simpler the code the better. Reichert stated it is challenging to interpret which parts of the code overrides another such as buffer yard requirements versus off-street parking stall requirements. Trumbull stated the GG-O covers a lot of things that are also covered in other areas of codes. Trumbull stated it is difficult to ensure all requirements are being met in both the GG-O and the respective other codes. Trumbull stated that with the GG-O being so broad currently, it is easy for both the city and the developer to miss something. Trumbull stated this leads to uncomfortable situation where the city must determine whether to penalize a developer or accept the oversight. Trumbull stated that if the requirements are in the intended sections such as landscaping requirements being only in the landscaping code, then it is easier for interpretation. Trumbull stated the GG-O was thoughtfully thought out when it was originally approved, but since then other parts of the code have been improved and now there are duplications in the GG-O. Trumbull stated that large developers are used to a streamlined simple formula compared to scattered requirements. Aguallo inquired to Glaubius that staff's intent is to repeal the GG-O, maintain the GG-Os expectations into other sections of the zoning code, and eliminate doublespeak. Glaubius concurred and stated this expectation would be moved to the landscaping code, sign code, and off-street parking code. Redfern suggested the Planning Commission and staff review the other applicable sections of the code prior to outright repealing the GG-O. Redfern stated that once the landscaping, off-street parking, and sign codes have been enhanced, the GG-O could be considered unnecessary and be repealed. Glaubius reviewed the supplement report again with the Planning Commission and inquired which aspects would the Planning Commission like to retain. Wayman stated that he understands the desire for a good-looking community, but the GG-O seems like another barrier for growth, and Aguallo agreed. Wayman used the example of Reichert's fuel station freestanding sign height at Highway 26 and E. Overland Drive. Wayman stated the Planning Commission had to determine whether the sign needed to meet the sign code requirements or the GG-O requirements. Reichert concurred that it was difficult to interpret. Wayman stated he felt that a change to the GG-O needs to happen sooner than later in case it deters potential development. Redfern stated that some of the listed aspects on the supplemental report should not be considered barriers such as screening dumpsters. Wayman and Redfern agreed that most business already want to do this. Redfern stated that most of the aspects of the supplemental report should be incorporated into other parts of the code prior to the repeal of the GG-O. Glaubius reviewed the supplemental report again. Glaubius stated the having landscaping requirements for an entire lot is not reasonable citywide. Glaubius stated that the requirement to bury overhead powerlines is not reasonable either and is one that developers baulk at due to the high cost of burying powerlines. Glaubius stated the requirement of having parking behind or between buildings has a good intent, however the wording is inadequate. Glaubius stated that this could be incorporated into the off-street parking code, however questioned whether this requirement should remain. Glaubius used the example of Menards as this requirement would have led to

the back of the building facing Highway 26. Glaubius stated the xeriscaping section of the GG-O is only a suggestion, and there is no ability to enforce it. Glaubius stated the xeriscaping suggestion would be more effective as a brochure or handout instead of being in the municipal code. Glaubius stated the GG-O screening standards could be easily incorporated into the existing screen standards of the landscaping code. Glaubius stated that some of the wording of the GG-O is illogical for example the requirement of grease containers to be no more than 20' feet from residential zoning districts. Glaubius stated the landscaping screen standards are stricter than some of the GG-O screening requirements. Glaubius stated the requirement to screen rooftop equipment and equipment from sidewalks is desirable, but questioned whether the city needed to have this requirement since most developers already do this. Glaubius stated the complete prohibition of outdoor storage could not be applied citywide. Glaubius stated the GG-O buffer yard requirement had been incorporated into the landscaping code tonight. Glaubius stated the requirement of shrubs to be planted within 10' of the primary structure foundation at a density that will obscure 60% of the building foundation after 5 years except sides and rear if used for service/loading was an asinine requirement, and impractical for the city to enforce. Glaubius stated the planting layout requirements have a good intent, but places a large burden on staff to ensure the requirements are being met. Glaubius stated the landscaping code already has requirements on the layout of trees. Glaubius stated the size requirements for perennials and ornamental grasses should be incorporated into the landscaping code as tree and shrub minimum sizes are already defined there. Glaubius stated the paved off-street parking can be added to the off-street parking code. Glaubius stated he spoke with Stormwater Specialist Leann Sato regarding the stormwater retention landscaping requirement, and this may be better placed in the stormwater chapter of the municipal code. Glaubius stated the 3% impact fee if landscaping cannot be provided in the GG-O has not been enforced, and the Finance Department was not aware of this. Glaubius stated the necessity of Planning Commission site plan approval could be eliminated as staff already reviews the site plan. Trumbull inquired whether a public hearing would be necessary if sections of the code were changed. Glaubius stated public hearings would be required, but the changes could be consolidated into fewer ordinances. Weber stated it was the intent of staff to repeal the GG-O, however he would like to have the Planning Commission to further review the GG-O prior to taking action. Weber stated he wanted to consider keeping the GG-O in order to maintain attractive entrances to the city. Weber stated he would like to have staff and the Planning Commission explore this more at the January meeting. Conclusion: Motion by Estrada, seconded by Wayman to table the repeal of the Gateway Green Overlay Zone. Yeas": Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Redfern, Gompert "Nays" None "Abstained": None, "Absent": Chadwick, Huber, Westphal, Zitterkopf

14 Item 7: Glaubius reported in staff reports about the upcoming Panhandle Planning Workshop on January 25, 2022, and the Planning Commission is invited to attend.

Item 8: No Other Business

- 15 Weber introduced Item 9 regarding scheduling the next Planning Commission meeting on January 10, 2022.
- 16 Adjournment: Motion by Estrada, seconded by Zitterkopf to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 PM. Yeas": Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Redfern, Gompert "Nays" None "Abstained": None, "Absent": Chadwick, Huber, Westphal, Zitterkopf

Chairman	Dana	Weber	

Zachary Glaubius, Secretary

## City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting

### **Item New Bus1**

## **Public Hearing - Final Plat**

Final Plat of Block 7, Five Oaks Subdivision situated in the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 22 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M., Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

**Staff Contact: Zachary Glaubius, Planning Administrator** 



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December 15, 2021					
Address (Location): Northwest 1/4 of Section	14, T22N, R55W of the 6th P.M.,	Scotts Bluff County, NE	Permit Number:		
Applicant's Name C&T Holdings, LLC. / Bal			Plat Approved Denied		
Applicant's Address: 120 East 16th Street, Suit	te A		Date Issued:		
City: Scottsbluff	State: Nebraska	Zip: 69361	Comp. Plan Land Use: Zone: Aq		
Telephone: 308-632-3123	Mobile:	Email: jack@baker-eng.com	Attached: Final Plat		
Property Owner: C&T Holdings, LLC			Legal Description (in Word)		
Property Owner's Addi 1310 Circle Drive	ress:	45	\$100.00 filing fee  Letter of transmittal		
City: Scottsbluff	State: Nebraska	Zip: 69361	Receipt # R 00267035		
Telephone: 308-632-2123	Mobile:	Email: billt@carrtrumbull.com			
Engineer or Surveyor: Baker & Associates, Inc. / Scott Bosse', L.S.			Total Acreage: 10.820		
Engineer or Surveyor A 120 East 16th Street, S			Proposed number of lots: 2		
City: Scottsbluff	State: Nebraska	Zip: 69361	Present Use of Property: Agricultural		
Telephone: (308) 632-3123	Mobile:	Email:	Proposed Use of Property: Residential Housing		
Location of property: Along the east side of Avenue 'I' in Scottsbluff between Highway 26 and 40th Street.			Present Zoning: Zoned 'AG' (to be changed to R-4)		
Please provide the 1	following:				
Copy of Final	Plat (Mylar and 3.5" diskette	or CD-ROM in AutoCAD format)			
	minary Plat (showing future & existing structures, proposed s	. current property lines, fence lines, ir structures, easements, etc)	rigation canals, future street widths,		
Legal Description on a CD/Disk (in Word)					
\$100.00 filing fee (if not submitted with approval of Preliminary Plat)					
Letter of transmittal					
establishing minimum and plan to be prepare submits this application	subdivision design standards ed. He/she certifies that all re n for approval subject to the	to be installed by the subdivision and equirements of Ordinance No. 3410 a requirements of said ordinance. I have	nance No. 3410 and amendments thereto, If that he/she has caused said preliminary plat and amendments there to have been met and ave also read and am familiar with the City attained are true and correct to the best of my		

knowledge and belief.

Applicant's Signature:

Remarks: (Insert here any information not covered above)

**Development Services Department** 

2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, NE 69361

(308) 630-6243

### **City of Scottsbluff Planning Commission**

**Development Services Staff Report** – Zachary Glaubius

Prepared on: January 3, 2022 For Hearing of: January 10, 2022



### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A. Applicant:** C & T Holdings LLC/ Baker and Associates

120 E 16<sup>th</sup> Street Suite A Scottsbluff, NE 69361

**B.** Property

Owner: C & T Holdings LLC

1310 Circle Drive Scottsbluff, NE 69361

C. Proposal: Final Plat of Block 7 of the Five Oaks Subdivision

**D.** Legal Description: A Tract of Land located in the northwest corner of Section 14, Township 22North, Range 55 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. in Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

**E. Location:** Approximately 10.820 acres along the east side of Highway 71 between the Scottsbluff Drain and the future W. 40<sup>th</sup> Street.

F. Existing Zoning & Land Use: Ag – Agricultural

G. Size of Site: Approximately 21.89 Acres

### II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A. General Neighborhood/Area Land Uses and Zoning:

<b>Direction From</b>	Future Land Use	Current Zoning	Surrounding
Subject Site	Designation	Designation	Development
North	Northwest	C-2 Neighborhood &	Vacant Lot, ELITE
	Commercial	Retail Commercial	Health
East	Residential	A-Agricultural	Farmland
South	Highway 26	C-2 Neighborhood &	Vacant Lots, Chili's
	Commercial	Retail Commercial	Restaurant
West	Residential	R-1A Single Family	Single-Family
		Residential	Dwellings

### **B.** Relevant Case History

- 1. Preliminary Plat for this Parcel was approved on December 13, 2021 by the Planning Commission
- **2.** Preliminary Plat for this subdivision was approved at the January 3, 2022 City Council Meeting.

### III. ANALYSIS

**A. Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan currently shows the site as Residential

#### B. Traffic & Access:

- 1. Access to Block 7 will be via the extended W. 40<sup>th</sup> Street and permitted access along Nebraska State Highway 71 near the Scottsbluff Drain.
- 2. A 10' crosswalk will be dedicated to public use along the southern property line.

### C. Utilities:

- **1.** The existing City of Scottsbluff Sewer Easement will become a Utility Easement along southern property line.
- 2. A 20' utility easement is proposed along the east border of Block 7.
- **3.** A 30' utility easement loop is proposed in Block 7.

### IV. STAFF COMMENTS

- **A.** This final plat is only for Block 7. The preliminary plat approved at the December 13, 2021 included other blocks of the Five Oaks Subdivision.
- **B.** The distance along Highway 71 between W. 36<sup>th</sup> Street and W. 40<sup>th</sup> Street exceeds the maximum block length of 1,320 feet per 21-1-22. However, City Council can approve exceptions with the dedication of a 10' crosswalk that extends across the block, and a 20' utility easement that extends across the Block.
- **C.** Staff finds justification for an exception of the maximum block length given Highway 71 is a limited access roadway. Staff and applicant have agreed to the dedication of a 10' crosswalk along the south property line and the conversion of the existing sewer easement to a utility easement to meet the requirements of 21-1-22.
- **D.** The City Council approved the location of the crosswalk and utility easement at the January 3, 2022 meeting.

### V. FINDINGS OF FACT

### A. Findings of Fact to Recommend Its Approval May Include:

- 1. The Comprehensive Plan identifies the area as residential
- **2.** The proposed crosswalk dedication and utility easement will satisfy the requirements of 21-1-22 regarding block length.
- **3.** City Council approved the location of the crosswalk and utility easement.

### B. Findings of Fact to Not Recommend Approval May Include:

1. None

### VI. STAFF RECCOMENDATION

**A.** Staff recommends Planning Commission recommend the approval of the Final Plat of Block 7, Five Oaks subdivision for approval by the City Council.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 22-01-01**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA:

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED, the preliminary plat of Five Oaks Subdivision- 2021, Blocks 7, 13 and 14, an addition situated in the NW¼ of Section 14, Township 22 North, Range 55 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, submitted in November 2021 is approved with the exception that a dedication of a 10 foot cross walk easement along the south property line and a 20 foot utility easement extends across the Block to meet the requirements of ScottsblufF Municipal Code 22-1-22. Such preliminary plat is valid for a two year period following the approval date set forth herein and must be presented in final form for approval by that time.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of January, 2022

ATTEST:

# FINAL PLAT OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 7, FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION A PORTION OF UNPLATTED LANDS FOR FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA

SITUATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 55 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA

	Sheet Revisions		<b>D</b> aker	120-EAST-16TH-STREET SCOTTSBLUFF,-NE-60361	FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION
Date 11-4-2021	Description DRAFTED SURVEY	Initials BEG	D	308-632-3123 www.beler-eng.com	Title Sheet
11-4-2021	DRAFTED SURVET	BEG			Baker Project Number: 023-018-21
			Inc.	clates	Project Location: Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County Nebraska
					Owners: C&T HOLDINGS, LLC.
		=			Project Code Last Mod. Date Subset Sheet No.
			COPY	RIGHT 2021	023 12-15-2021 1 of 2

#### **LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

A PARCEL OF LAND KNOW AS A PORTION OF THE UNPLATTED LANDS FOR FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION, CONTAINING 471,337.30 SQ. FT. (10.820 ACRES), MORE OR LESS, IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 55 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA, SAID TRACT OR PARCEL BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 55 WEST, OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WHENCE THE WEST QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 14, BEARS SOUTH 02°03'39" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 2675.32 FEET; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 14, SOUTH 02°03'39" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 822.84 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 87°56'21" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 65.00 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EXISTING EAST RIGHT OF WAY OF HIGHWAY 71 AND TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION;

THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF 40TH STREET SOUTH 87°56'20" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 87.57 FEET;

THENCE ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, A RADIUS OF 174.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 19°49'11", A DISTANCE OF 60.19 FEET, (A CHORD BEARING SOUTH 78°01'45" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 59.89 FEET);

THENCE SOUTH 68°07'09" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 191,20 FEET;

THENCE ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE LEFT, A RADIUS OF 126.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 83°01'38", A DISTANCE OF 182.59 FEET, (A CHORD BEARING NORTH 71°52'33" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 167.02 FEET);

THENCE NORTH 30°55'20" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 30.65 FEET;

THENCE ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, A RADIUS OF 74.00 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 62°23'51", A DISTANCE OF 80.59 FEET, (A CHORD BEARING NORTH 61°04'06" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 76.67 FEET);

THENCE NORTH 89°54'43" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 19.42 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 01°52'51" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 121.52 FEET;

THENCE ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, A RADIUS OF 472 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 41°38'01", A DISTANCE OF 342.98 FEET, (A CHORD BEARING SOUTH 43°09'58" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 335.48 FEET);

THENCE ON THE ARC OF A CURVE TO THE RIGHT, A RADIUS OF 495 FEET, A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 58°21'24", A DISTANCE OF 504.17 FEET, (A CHORD BEARING SOUTH 6°49'45" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 482.66 FEET);

THENCE SOUTH 18°00'01" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 278.21 FEET;

THENCE NORTH 59°43'24" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 585.66 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 71 (AVENUE I);

THENCE CONTINUING NORTH ALONG SAID EXISTING EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HIGHWAY 71 NORTH 02°03'38" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 976.19 FEET TO THE **POINT OF BEGINNING.** 

THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PARCEL CONTAINS 471,337.30 SQ. FT. (10.820 ACRES), MORE OR LESS.

#### OWNER'S AND DEDICATION STATEMENT

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING THE OWNERS OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 7, FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION, A PORTION OF UNPLATTED LANDS FOR FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA, STATE THAT THE FOREGOING FINAL PLAT IS MADE WITH THE FREE CONSENT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNDERSIGNED OWNERS.

WE HEREBY DEDICATE ALL STREETS, ALLEYS, EASEMENTS, AND RIGHT OF WAYS TO THE BENEFIT AND USE OF THE PUBLIC.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE C&T HOLDINGS, LLC.

DATE

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

STATE OF NEBRASKA COUNTY OF SCOTTS BLUFF

BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC, QUALIFIED AND ACTING IN SAID COUNTY, PERSONALLY CAME A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF C&T HOLDINGS, LLC., TO ME KNOWN TO BE THE IDENTICAL PERSON WHOSE SIGNATURE IS AFFIXED TO THE FOREGOING "OWNER'S STATEMENT" AND ACKNOWLEDGED THE EXECUTION THEREOF TO BE THEIR VOLUNTARY ACT AND DEED.

WITHESS MY NOTORIAL SEAL THIS 310 DAY OF

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska SANDRA L. BROWN My Comm. Exp. November 7, 2023

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: 1172023

### APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE

THE FOREGOING PLAT OF LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 7, FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION, A PORTION OF UNPLATTED LANDS FOR FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA, WAS APPROVED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA.

WE HEREBY ACCEPT ALL STREETS, ALLEYS, EASEMENTS AND RIGHT OF WAYS TO THE BENEFIT AND USE OF THE PUBLIC.

BY:
MAYOR

### PROJECT VICINTY MAP



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### **SURVEY NOTES**

- 1. BAKER AND ASSOCIATES, INC., PERFORMED ALL NECESSARY RESEARCH TO ESTABLISH CURRENT OWNERSHIP OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY SHOWN HERE ON, UTLITZING CURRENT VESTING DOCUMENTS FROM PUBLIC RECORDS
- 2. THE MONUMENTATION RECOVERED WAS LOCATED BY A COMBINATION OF GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM (GPS) FAST STATIC, RTK AND RTK DATA LOGGING TECHNIQUES. CONVENTIONAL SURVEY METHODS WERE APPLIED WHEN REQUIRED.
- 3. BASIS OF BEARINGS: ALL BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 56 WEST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY.
- 4. ALL DIMENSIONS SHOWN HEREON ARE U.S. SURVEY FEET.
- 5. NOTICE: YOU MUST COMMENCE ANY LEGAL ACTION BASED UPON ANY DEFECT IN THIS SURVEY WITHIN THREE (3) YEARS AFTER YOU FIRST DISCOVER SUCH DEFECT. IN NO EVENT MAY ANY ACTION, BASED UPON ANY DEFECT IN THIS SURVEY BE COMMENCED MORE THAN TEN (10) YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THE CERTIFICATION SHOWN HEREON.

ATTESTED: CITY CLERK

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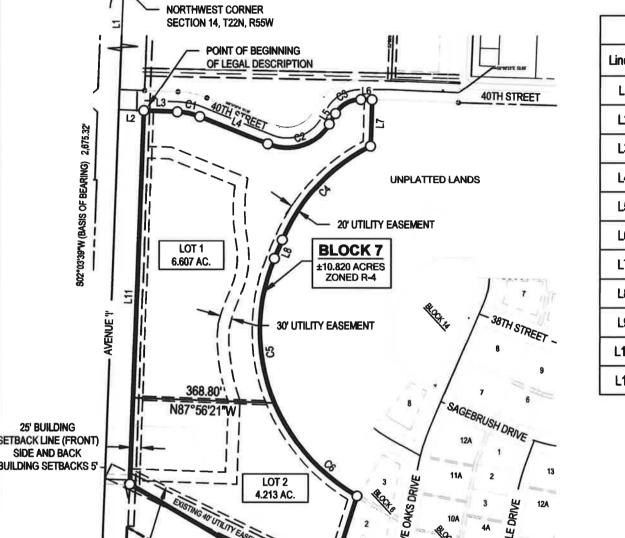
Final Plat of Lots 1 and 2, Block 7 **FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION** 

Plan Sheet

Baker Project Number: 023-018-21 Project Location: Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County Nebraska Owners: C&T HOLDINGS, LLC.

Project Code Last Mod. Date 023 12-15-2021





SCOTTSBLUFF DRAWROW.

BLOCK 1A BOONE SUBDIVISION

WEST 1/4 CORNER SECTION 14, T22N, R55W

1.19 ACRES

- 36TH STREET CLEMENS-REINHARDT SUBDIVISION

1.15 ACRES

10' CROSSWALK EASEMEN

Parcel Line Table				
Line#	Direction			
L1	822.84'	S2° 03' 39"W		
L2	65.00'	N87° 56' 21"W		
L3	87.57'	S87° 56' 20"E		
L4	191.20'	S68° 07' 09"E		
L5	30.65'	N30° 55' 20"E		
L6	29.42'	N89° 54' 43"E		
L7	121.52	S1° 52' 51"W		
L8	52.66'	S22° 20' 58"W		
L9	278.21'	S18° 00' 01"W		
L10	585.66'	N59° 43' 24"W		
L11 976.19' N2° 03' 38"E				

SCALE: 1" = 250'

Curve Tab <del>le</del>					
Curve #	Length	Radius	Delta	Chord Direction	Chord Length
C1	60.19'	174.00'	19°49'11"	S78° 01' 45"E	59.89'
C2	182.59'	126.00'	83°01'38"	N71° 52' 33 <b>"</b> E	167.02'
C3	80.59'	74.00'	62°23'51"	N61° 04' 06"E	76.67'
C4	342.98'	472.00'	41°38'01"	S43° 09' 58"W	335.48'
C5	504.17	495. <b>00</b> °	<b>58°2</b> 1'24"	S6° 49' 45"E	482.66'
C6	213.40	496.37	24°37'58"	S48° 21' 27"E	211.76'

### =CORNER FOUND AS NOTED

=CORNER SET 5/8"x24" REBAR WITH PINK PVC CAP STAMPED "ACCUSTAR BOSSE' LS 603

(M) = MEASURED DISTANCE

(R) = RECORDED DISTANCE

### SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE:

I, SCOTT M. BOSSE', NEBRASKA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NUMBER 603, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE SURVEYED LOTS 1 AND 2. BLOCK 7. FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION, A PORTION OF UNPLATTED LANDS FOR FIVE OAKS SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, SCOTTS BLUFF COUNTY, NEBRASKA; THAT THE ACCOMPANYING DRAWING IS A CORRECT DELINEATION OF SAID SURVEY DRAWN TO A SCALE OF 40 FEET TO THE INCH; THAT SAID SURVEY AND DRAWING WAS CONDUCTED BY ME OR UNDER MY DIRECT SUPERVISION; THAT THE DISTANCES ARE GROUND DISTANCES GIVEN IN FEET AND DECIMALS OF A FOOT; AND THE MONUMENTS WERE FOUND OR SET AS INDICATED AND THE BOUNDARY IS DEPICTED BY A THICKENED SOLID

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL this 31 th day of DECEMBER, 2021.

Scott M. Bosse NEBRASKA REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NUMBER 603



20' UTILITY EASEMENT

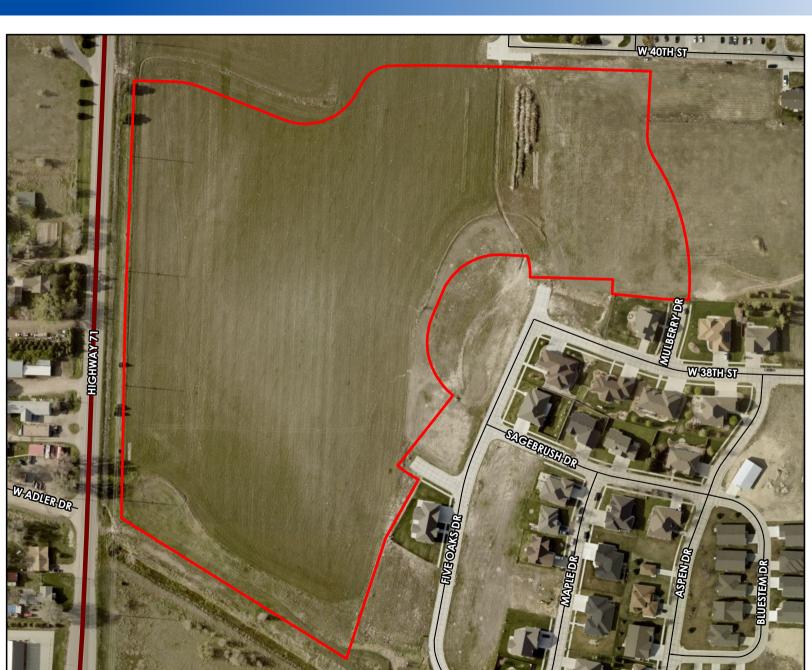
1.45 ACRES

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# City of Planning Commission Five Oaks Subdivision Preliminary Plat Parcel: 010027793

## **Aerial** Overview





**Proposed Changes** 

## **Street Centerlines CLASS**

Highway

Main Road

Residential/Rural

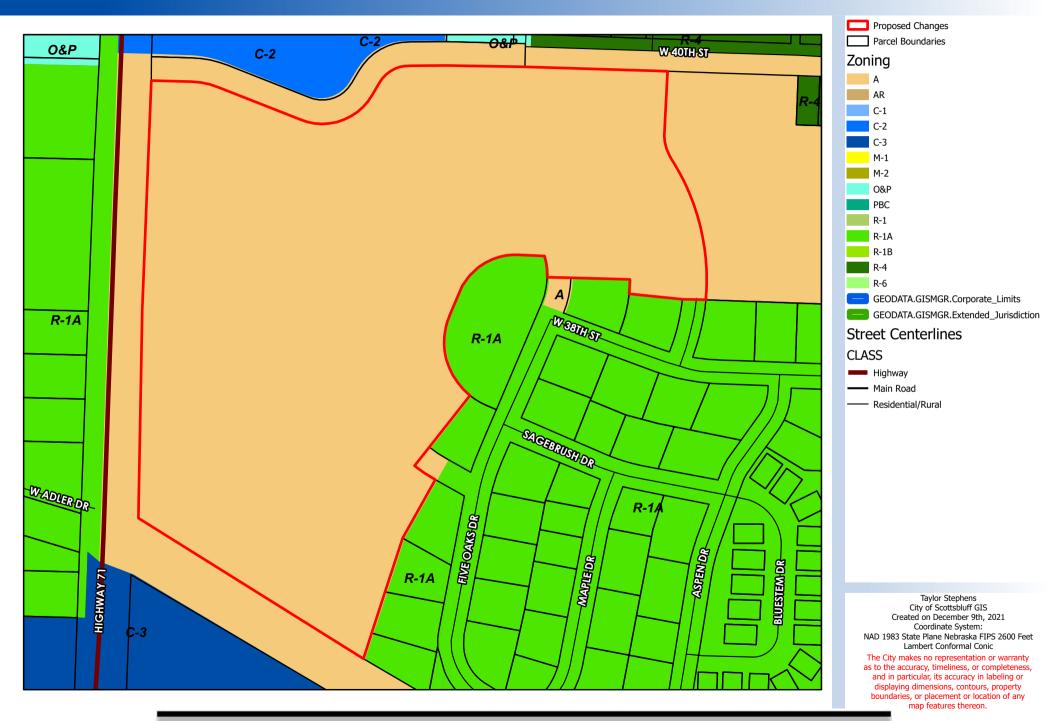
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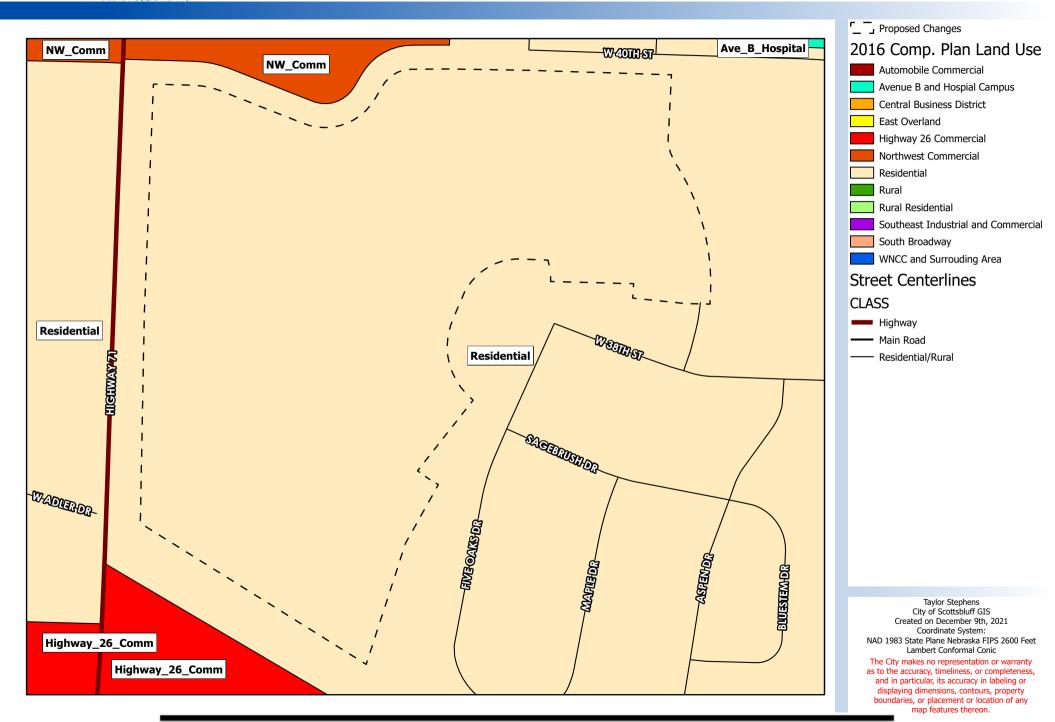
## Zoning Overview





# Planning Commission Five Oaks Subdivision Preliminary Plat Parcel: 010027793

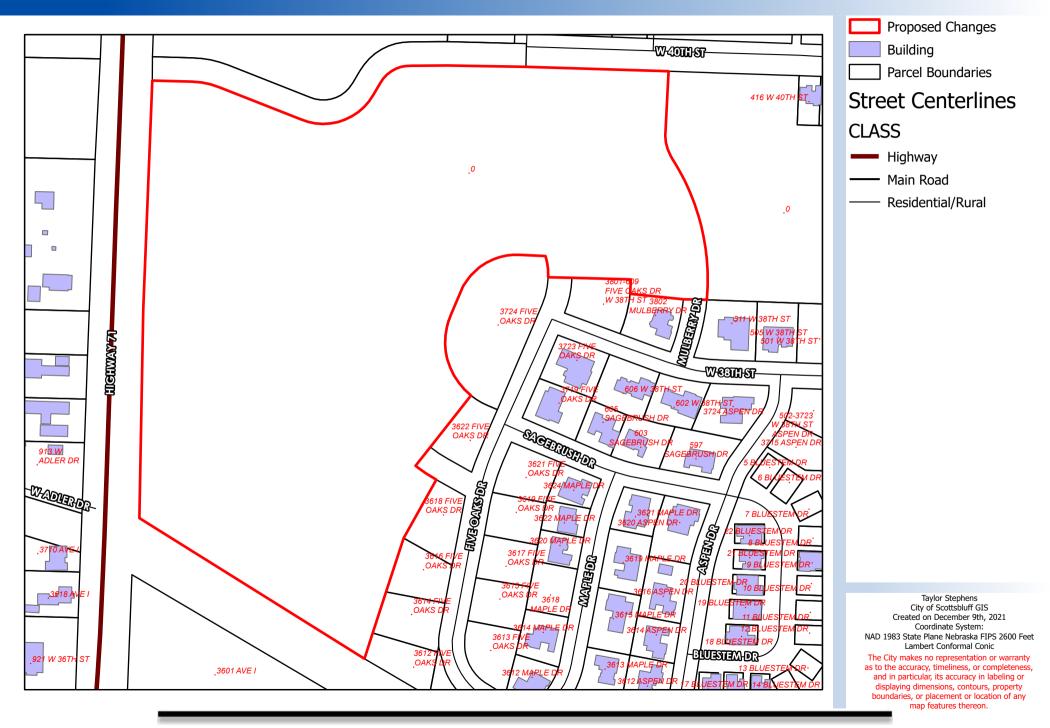
# 2016 Comp. Plan Future Land Use Overview





# Planning Commission Five Oaks Subdivision Preliminary Plat Parcel: 010027793

## Parcels and Buildings Overview





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## City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting

### **Item New Bus2**

## **Public Hearing - Rezone**

Rezone of Lot 3, Block 1, Sunset Addition from C-3 Heavy Commercial to R-1A Single-Family Residential Public Hearing - Ordinance Text Change.

**Staff Contact: Zachary Glaubius, Planning Administrator** 



# **Scottsbluff City Zoning Map (Rezone) Application**

2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Telephone (308) 630-6243 Fax (308) 630-6204 www.scottsbluff.org

Project Information					
Application Date: Dec/22/20	021	Number (Office Use Only):			
Property Address:  2/0 w 15th 5th  Current Zone:	Proposed Zone:	HSbluff NE 69361 Acreage of Property:			
C-3  Comprehensive Plan Designation:  Residential	R-1A Comprehensive Plan Ame	endment Required?			
Applicant Information					
Applicant:  Michael Dir		Property Owner:  MIChael Dipl(5)  Telephone:  308641-9962			
210 W 15th stree Scotts bluff	State: IV.E.	Zip: Alt. Telephone: 69361			
City Development Process and Rec	uirements				
<ol> <li>Staff Review Time: Approximately 4 to 5 weeks prior to the Public Hearing date.</li> <li>Planning Commission: Held the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>City Council: Held the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>All meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at 2525 Circle Drive in Scottsbluff.</li> <li>REQUIREMENTS</li> <li>Pre-application meeting with City Planner</li> </ol>		<ul> <li>□ A letter from the property owner giving permission that their property maybe rezoned.</li> <li>□ Legal description of the property - on disk or emailed to the City Development Service Department in Word format and a map of property to be rezoned.</li> <li>□ A Letter from the petitioner that the proposed use:</li> <li>□ Would provide a service required by the neighborhood and/or community and be consistent with sound land use.</li> <li>□ Would not be injurious to the adjacent properties or uses</li> <li>□ That rezoning the property would not create special hazards or problems for the neighborhood or community</li> <li>□ Would be harmonious and consistent with the plan for the area in the Comprehensive Plan</li> <li>□ Why the rezone of the property should be granted.</li> </ul>			
Pre-application meeting with City Planner  Rezone Fees \$100.00 plus  Cost of postage for everyone within 300 feet + \$3.00 per property owner					
Provide a list (in mailing label format) of property owners within 300 feet of the exterior boundaries of the property to be rezoned together with:  A map(s) that clearly show the ownership within the 300 feet		If any of these items are not submitted with the application City Staff maintains the right to return the application as incomplete.			

### Rezone Process

After staff receives a completed application the staff will write a report to the Planning Commission including their recommendation. The Planning Commission will then hold a public hearing (which must be noticed in newspaper 10 days prior to the hearing) pertaining to the Zone Change and either recommend supporting the zone change or not to the City Council. After the Planning Commission the City Council will also hold a public hearing on the rezone request and either approve, approve with conditions or deny the request.

To whom it may concern,

I am here writing this paper to give permission from the property owner; I myself Michael Dirks for this property Lot 3, Block 3, Sunset addition (210 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street) to be rezoned from a commercial c-3 property back to an R-1A residential property

This lot is adjacent to the R-1A zoning district and has been used as a single family dwelling since 1936. This lot is simply an extension to the R1A district. The property to the west is zoned as a r-1A. This is a neighborhood of single family home dwelling.

The rezone would not create special hazardous or problems for the neighborhood or community because it is a single family home dwelling and has been sense it was built in 1930's.

The rezone will be harmonious and consistent with the comprehensive plan of this area due to all the properties adjacent to me that are residential properties are classified as R-1A properties except for mine.

The 2016 comprehensive plan identifies my property as a residential property so there for it is harmonious and consistent.

The rezone should be granted because my intentions to improve and do additions to property that are not permitted and wont be permitted as long as its zones as a c-3 commercial property and it being a legal non conforming use. I have also been halted from refinancing my property due to it being zoned as a commercial property but a single family home has been on the property sense the 1930's.

Michael dirks 12/31/2021

### **City of Scottsbluff Planning Commission**

**Development Services Staff Report** – Zachary Glaubius

Prepared on: January 3, 2022 For Hearing of: January 10, 2022



### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Applicant: Michael Dirks

210 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street Scottsbluff, NE 69361

**B.** Property

Owner: Same as Applicant

**C. Proposal:** Request to rezone Lot 3, Block 1, Sunset Addition to R-1A Single Family Residential from C-3 Heavy Commercial

D. Legal Description: Lot 3, Block 1, Sunset Addition

E. Location: 210 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street

F. Existing Zoning & Land Use: C-3 Heavy Commercial

G. Size of Site: Approximately 7,000 square feet

### II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### A. General Neighborhood/Area Land Uses and Zoning:

Direction From Subject Site	Future Land Use Designation	Current Zoning Designation	Surrounding Development
North	Residential	C-3 Heavy Commercial	Kelley Bean Co.
East	Residential	C-3 Heavy Commercial	Commercial Building
South	Residential	C-3 Heavy Commercial	Commercial Building
West	Residential	R-1A Single Family	Single-Family Dwellings

### **B.** Relevant Case History

**1.** N.A.

### III. ANALYSIS

**A. Comprehensive Plan:** The Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan currently shows the site as Residential.

### B. Traffic & Access:

- 1. Current access to Lot 3 is via W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 2. An alley is located along the south property line.

### C. Utilities:

1. Lot 3 has access to Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater lines under W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

### IV. STAFF COMMENTS

- A. The rezone is aligned with the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map.
- B. The proposed rezone to R-1A is not a spot zone as the lot to the west of Lot 3 is zoned R-1A.
- **C.** The property has been used as a single-family dwelling for the known past.
- **D.** The property has been zoned C-3 since before 1

### V. FINDINGS OF FACT

### A. Findings of Fact to Recommend Its Approval May Include:

- 1. The Comprehensive Plan identifies the area as residential and the rezone will permit residential development.
- **2.** The rezone is not a spot zone.

### B. Findings of Fact to Not Recommend Approval May Include:

1. None

### VI. STAFF RECCOMENDATION

**A.** Staff recommends the Planning Commission make a positive recommendation to City Council to approve the rezone of Lot 3, Block 1, Sunset Addition from C-3 Heavy Commercial to R-1A single family residential.

# CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING City of Scottsbluff – City Hall 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, NE

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska will be held on Monday 10, January, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers at Scottsbluff City Hall, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, NE. Meeting is open to the public. Any person with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend the Planning Commission meeting must contact the Development Services offices at City Hall at 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, Nebraska by 12:00 pm on Friday, January 7, 2022. An agenda of the meeting is kept continually current is available to view at the Development Services offices. The Planning Commission may modify the agenda at the meeting if it determines that an emergency so requires.

### Agenda Items Currently known include:

- 1. Public Hearing regarding a Final Plat of Five Oaks Subdivision situated in the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 22 North, Range 55 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.
- 2. Public Hearing regarding a Rezone of Lot 3, Block 1, Sunset Addition from C-3 Heavy Commercial to R-1A Single Family Residential.
- 3. Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 2 regarding the Gateway Green Overlay Zone
- 4. Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 22 regarding Landscaping
- 5. Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 6 regarding signs
- 6. Public Hearing for proposed Ordinance Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 5 regarding off-street parking

Please contact the City of Scottsbluff Department of Development Services at 308-630-6244 for additional information or questions. <u>All property owners within 300 feet of a rezone are to be notified of the public hearing.</u>

Zachary Glaubius, Planning Administrator

Tel: 308-630-6244

Email: zglaubius@scottsbluff.org



## **Aerial** Overview





**Proposed Changes** 

## **Street Centerlines CLASS**

Highway

Main Road

Residential/Rural

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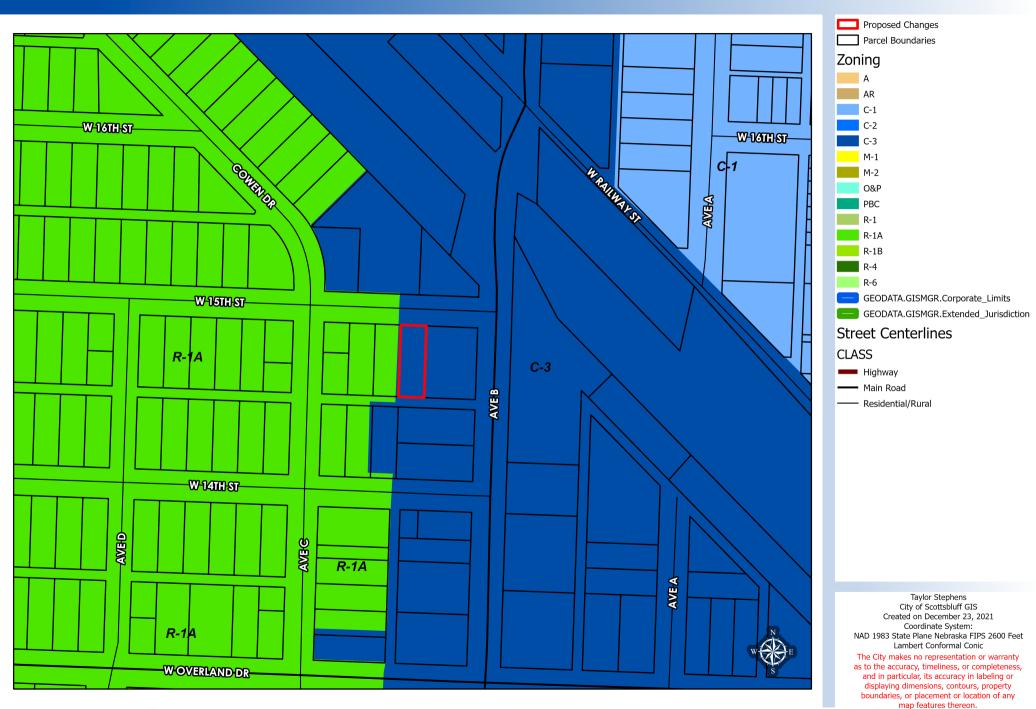


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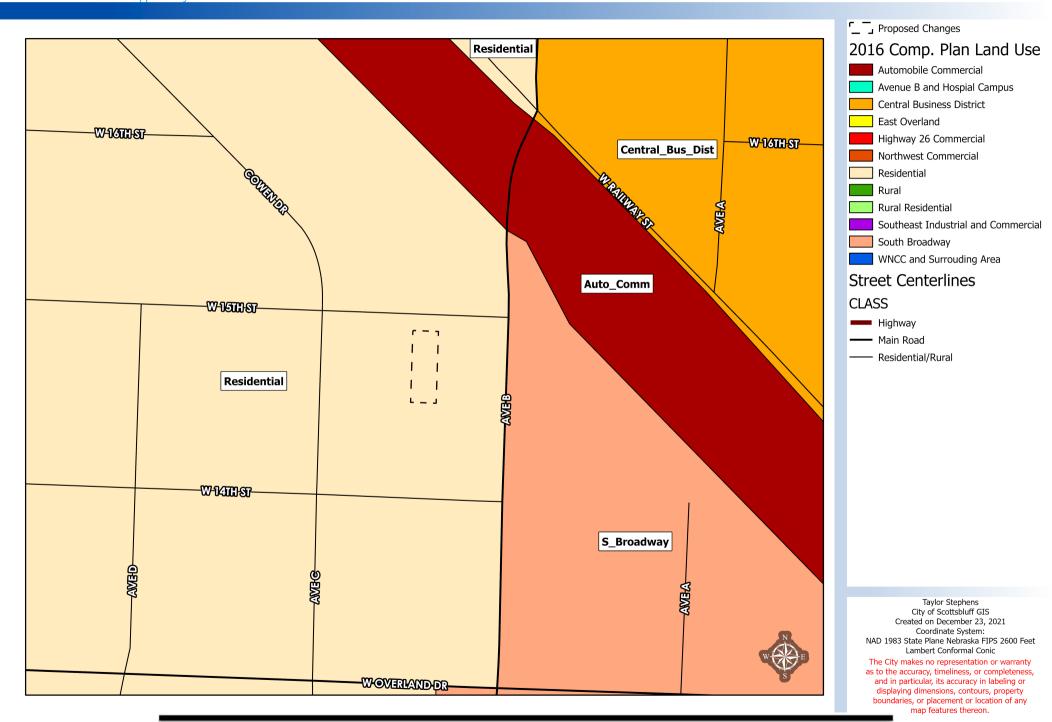


Zoning Overview





## 2016 Comp. Plan **Future Land Use Overview**





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## City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting

### **Item New Bus3**

## **Public Hearing - Ordinance Text Change**

Zoning Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 2 regarding the Gateway Green Overlay Zone.

Staff Contact: Zachary Glaubius, Planning Administrator

### **City of Scottsbluff Planning Commission**

**Development Services Staff Report** – Zachary Glaubius

Prepared on: January 3, 2022 For Hearing of: January 10, 2022



### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- **A.** At the December 13, 2021 regular Planning Commission meeting, the P.C. reviewed and discussed staff's proposal to repeal the Gateway Green Overlay Zone.
- **B.** The P.C. tabled the proposal to further review the implications of repealing the GG-O and to update the landscaping, off-street parking, and sign codes to include desired aspects of the GG-O prior to a repeal.

### II. STAFF COMMENTS

- **A.** History of the GG-O See packet for copies of ordinances.
  - a. First passed in 2005 (Ordinance 3882)
  - **b.** Revised in 2009 (Ordinance 3986)
  - c. Revised in 2012 (Ordinance 4072)
  - d. Revised in 2015 (Ordinance 4151)
- **B.** Extensive changes were made with the 2009 revision. The 2012 and 2015 revisions were relatively minor.
- **C.** Further review of the GG-O by staff shows the large majority of the GG-O is already incorporated elsewhere in the code or can be incorporated to other parts of the code.
  - **a.** See packet
- **D.** The GG-O minimally deviates from the Landscaping Code. It should be noted the Landscaping Code encompasses the city's entire jurisdiction.
- **E.** The GG-O has been found to be less restrictive in some instances than the Landscaping Code.
- **F.** The GG-O has been found to deter development along Highway 26 recently. This is due to:
  - a. Increased review time as a result of the Planning Commission approval requirement.
  - **b.** Perception of additional development requirements
- **G.** The GG-O is a burden on City staff. Some requirements found in it are impractical to enforce and time consuming to review.
- **H.** Staff requests additional time to draft the revised landscaping ordinance prior to the full repeal of the GG-O.

### III. STAFF RECCOMENDATION

**A.** Staff recommends the Planning Commission table the repeal of the GG-O to further research and discussion regarding repealing of the GG-O and updating the landscaping code (Article 22) and off-street parking code (Article 5).



### CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF Scottsbluff City Hall Council Chambers 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, NE 69361 PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA Monday, December 13, 2021 6:00 PM

### 1. Roll Call:

- 2. Nebraska open Meetings Act: For all interested parties, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on a bulletin board at the south wall of the council chambers.
- 3. Notice of Changes in the Agenda by the City Manager: Additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24-hours before the beginning of the meeting unless added under item 4 of this agenda.
- 4. Citizens with Items not Scheduled on the Regular Agenda: As required by State Law, no item may be considered under this item unless the Planning Commission determines that the matter requires an emergency action.
- 5. Approval of the Planning Commission Minutes From:
  - A. November 8, 2021 Meeting
- 6. New Business:
  - B. Public Hearing-Ordinance Text Change

Zoning Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 3 regarding the additions of Vineyards & Wineries, Golf Courses, and Agricultural Attractions as principle permitted uses in the Agricultural Zoning District.

C. Public Hearing-Ordinance Text Addition

Zoning Text Addition of Chapter 25 Article 2 regarding the definition of Agricultural Attractions.

D. Public Hearing-Ordinance Text Change

Zoning Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 22 regarding buffer yard requirements in the City of Scottsbluff zoning jurisdiction.

E. Public Hearing-Ordinance Text Change

Zoning Text Change to Chapter 4 Article 1 regarding Section 107 of the 2018 International Building Code.

F. Public Hearing-Preliminary Plat

Preliminary Plat of Five Oaks Subdivision situated in the Northwest Quarter of Section 14, Township 22 North, Range 55 West of the 6th P.M., Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

G. Public Hearing-Rezone

Rezone of Lot 2A, Block 8, East Portal Addition from C-3 Heavy Commercial to R-4 Heavy Density Multiple Family.

H. Public Hearing-Ordinance Text Change

Zoning Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 2 regarding the Gateway Green Overlay Zone.

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# 7. Staff Reports:

I. (informational only):

Upcoming Panhandle Planning Workshop on January 25, 2022.

# 8. Other Business:

J. (informational only):

# 9. Schedule Meeting:

K. Confirm net meeting date of January 10, 2022.

# 10. Adjourn

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# **City of Scottsbluff Planning Commission**

**Development Services Staff Report** – Zachary Glaubius





# I. GENERAL INFORMATION

- **A.** Due to several complaints from developers, Economic Development staff and Development Services staff have reviewed the efficiency of the Gateway Green Overlay Zone.
- **B.** The Gateway Green Overlay Zone (25-3-22.1) is an overlay zone that is 2,000 ft wide along Highway 26, Highland Road, Highway L-79-G(or Highway 92), Highway 71, and the southernmost portions of Avenue I and Broadway.
- **C.** The GG-O's purpose is to:
  - i. Promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the community
  - **ii.** Create a sense of continuity throughout the corridor with harmonious design standards for public improvements and private development.
  - **iii.** Preserve and enhance the historical attractions and landmarks of Scottsbluff and the surrounding areas.
- **D.** As with the Tidal Wave Car Wash, all plans for development in the GG-O must be reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission.
- **E.** Aspects of the GG-O are centered on landscaping design standards. Landscape design standards can also be found in Articles 5, 6, and 22 in the City of Scottsbluff Zoning Code.

#### II. STAFF COMMENTS

- A. The GG-O overlaps with the Landscaping Code (Chapter 25 Article 22) significantly. It also overlaps with the Off-Site Parking Code (Chapter 25 Article 5), and the Sign Code (Chapter 25 Article 6). This suggests the GG-O is redundant.
- **B.** Staff found 15 aspects of the GG-O not found elsewhere in the Zoning Code. Attached is a document highlighting requirements of the GG-O not found elsewhere in the Zoning Code.
- **C.** The GG-O minimally deviates from the Landscaping Code. It should be noted the Landscaping Code encompasses the city's entire jurisdiction.
- D. The GG-O has been found to be less restrictive in some instances, which is counterintuitive.
- E. The GG-O has been found to deter development along Highway 26 recently. This is due to:
  - a. Increased review time as a result of the Planning Commission approval requirement.
  - b. Perception of additional development requirements
- **F.** The GG-O is a burden on City staff. Some requirements found in it are impractical to enforce and time consuming to review.
- **G.** Following the repeal of the GG-O, staff will review and perform comprehensive review and update to the Landscaping Code (Chapter 25 Article 22).
- **H.** Variances/exceptions have been granted in the past within the overlay zone that contradict the intent of the GG-O.
- 1. Departments, Divisions, and Offices consulted with regarding the repeal of 25-3-22.1 (GG-O) are:
  - a. Development Services Department

- **b.** Economic Development Department
- c. Stormwater Division
- d. City Attorney
- e. City Manager

# III. STAFF RECCOMENDATION

A. Staff recommends the Planning Commission make a positive recommendation to City Council to repeal 25-3-22.1 regarding the Gateway Green Overlay Zone.

# **City of Scottsbluff Planning Commission**

**Development Services Supplemental Report** – Zachary Glaubius

Prepared on: November 23, 2021 For Hearing of: December 13, 2021



# Aspects of the GG-O not covered elsewhere in the Zoning Code

- 1. Landscaping Requirements for entire lot
- 2. Burying Overhead Powerlines
- 3. Requiring parking areas to be placed between or behind buildings
- 4. Xeriscaping Suggestion

a. Design

Low-Water Using Plants

Mulch depth

b. Appropriate Use of Turf

Soil Preparation

- 5. Requiring screening of loading/service areas within 50 ft of a side or rear lot line
- 6. Requiring screening for dumpsters, garbage cans, and grease containers to be located in the rear or side of lot and no more than 20' from R zones.
- 7. Requiring screening of rooftop mechanical equipment from sidewalks, streets, R districts, and public uses
- 8. Requiring screening of mechanical equipment from sidewalks, streets, R districts, and public uses
- 9. Complete prohibition of outdoor storage
- 10. Buffer yard reduction to 10' with incorporation of fence
- 11. Requirement of shrubs to be planted within 10' of primary structure foundation at a density that will obscure 60% of building foundation after 5 years except sides and rear if used for service/loading
- 12. Planting layout requirements for landscape strips
- 13. Perennials and ornamental grass plant required sizes
  - Plant Species diversity
- 14. Required paved off-street parking
- 15. Stormwater retention pond landscaping design requirements
- 16. 3% Impact fee if landscaping cannot be installed
- 17. Site plan review and approval by the Planning Commission

# PLANING COMMISSION MINUTES REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING December 13, 2021 SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA

The Planning Commission for the City of Scottsbluff met in regular scheduled meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Scottsbluff City Council Chambers at 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A notice of the meeting was published in the Star-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the city, on December 3, 2021. The notice stated the date, time, and location of the meeting, that the meeting was open to the public, and that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend should contact the Development Services office. An agenda was kept current and available for public inspection at the Development Services office, provided the Planning Commission can modify the agenda at the meeting if it is determined that an emergency so required. A copy of the agenda packet was delivered to each Planning Commission member.

- 1 Chairman Dana Weber called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call consisted of the following members being present, Dana Weber, Angie Aguallo, Becky Estrada, Callen Wayman, Dave Gompert, Linda Redfern (Alternate) "Absent": Anita Chadwick, Mark Westphal, Henry Huber, Jim Zitterkopf. City Officials present were Zachary Glaubius, Secretary/Planning Administrator, Taylor Stephens, GIS Analyst, and Tom Schingle, Fire Chief.
- 2 Chairman Weber informed those present of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and that a copy was located on the south wall of the Council Chambers.
- 3 Acknowledgement of any changes in the agenda: None.
- 4 Business not on the agenda: None.
- The minutes from the November 8,2021 meeting were reviewed. Conclusion: a motion was made by Wayman and seconded by Gompert to approve the minutes from November 8, 2021 meeting. "Yeas" Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Gompert, Redfern "Absent": Chadwick, Zitterkopf, Huber, Westphal. The motion carried.
- Chairman Weber opened the public hearing at 6:03 PM for Items 6A a zoning text change to Chapter 25 Article 3 regarding the addition of Vineyards & Wineries, Golf Courses, and Agricultural Attractions as principle permitted uses in the Agricultural Zoning District. Glaubius stated the applicant, Ryan Massey of Papa Moon Vineyards, received a cease letter from the city regarding holding events at the winery. Event venues is not a principle permitted use in the Ag District. Glaubius stated he and Massey met and came to an agreement to add vineyards & wineries as a principle permitted use in the Ag District. Glaubius stated city staff reviewed other Nebraska communities with vineyards & wineries, and concluded this was best route. Glaubius stated staff included golf courses and agricultural attractions to be added as principle permitted uses in the Ag District as well. Glaubius stated by adding these uses, it would make clarify whether these are permitted uses or not. Glaubius stated city staff reviewed Lancaster County, Nebraska's agricultural attraction use which includes pumpkin patches and corn mazes. Glaubius stated staff recommends a positive recommendation on the zoning text change by the Planning Commission to the City Council. Applicant Ryan Massey stated that when the winery began, he was informed that Papa Moon Vineyards was within Scotts Bluff County's zoning jurisdiction, however it has now come apparent that the winery is within the City of Scottsbluff's zoning jurisdiction. Massey stated all inspections in the past were handled by the County and state and would like to have this use added to the Ag District. Weber closed the public hearing at 6:07 PM.

- requirements. Gompert asked Chief Schingle if the Fire Department supported the zoning text change, and Schingle stated the Fire Department does support the change. **Conclusion:** Motion by Wayman, seconded by Aguallo to make a positive recommendation on the buffer yard text change to City Council. Yeas": Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Gompert, Redfern "Nays" None "Abstained": None, "Absent": Chadwick, Westphal, Zitterkopf, Huber.
- 10 Weber opened the public hearing for Item 6D regarding zoning text change to Chapter 4 Article 1 regarding the inclusion of Section 107 of the 2018 International Building Code to the Municipal Code at 6:20 PM. Glaubius stated that Code Administrator II Gary Batt found an oversight in the adoption of the 2018 International Building Code into the Municipal Code. Glaubius stated that Section 107 was listed as one of the excluded sections in the Municipal Code. Glaubius stated that Section 107 allows the city code administrators to require a registered design official prepare construction documents when a construction project has special conditions. Glaubius stated that the city has been enforcing Section 107 although the Municipal Code excluded it. Weber closed the public hearing at 6:21 PM. Weber asked Glaubius if the zoning text change was to make the requirement legal since the city had been incorrectly enforcing it. Glaubius concurred. Conclusion: Motion by Estrada, seconded by Wayman to make a positive recommendation on the zoning text change regarding Section 107 to the City Council. Yeas": Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Redfern, Gompert "Nays" None "Abstained": None, "Absent": Chadwick, Huber, Westphal, Zitterkopf
- 11 Weber opened the public hearing for Item 6E regarding a preliminary plat for the Five Oaks Subdivision at 6:22 PM. Glaubius informed the Planning Commission that the preliminary plat is nearly identical with the exception of the three originally planned commercial lots along Highway 71 are consolidated into two multiple family dwelling lots. Glaubius stated all applicable city departments have reviewed the preliminary plat. Glaubius stated that since Block 7 of the preliminary plat exceeds the maximum block length of 1,320 feet, they are required to dedicate a 20' utility easement and 10' crosswalk per Code 21-1-22. Bill Trumbull of C&T Holdings partnership which owns the land spoke to the Planning Commission. Trumbull stated the reason for the new preliminary plat is due to the previous preliminary plat expiring. Trumbull stated there is an interested party looking to purchase Block 7 for multiple family dwelling. Weber closed the public hearing at 6:25 PM. Glaubius informed the Planning Commission that a positive recommendation by the commission would need to be conditional on the approval of the crosswalk and utility easement by City Council. Conclusion: Motion by Estrada, seconded by Wayman to make a positive recommendation on the preliminary plat of Five Oaks conditional on City Council's approval of the crosswalk and utility easement. Yeas": Wayman, Estrada, Weber, Aguallo, Redfern, Gompert "Nays" None "Abstained": None, "Absent": Chadwick, Huber, Westphal, Zitterkopf
- 12 Weber opened the public hearing for Item 6F regarding a rezone of Lot 2A, Block 8, East Portal Addition from C-3 Heavy Commercial to R-4 Heavy Density Multiple Family Residential at 6:26 PM. Glaubius stated the property is owned by Dick Meyer, and Meyer is seeking a rezone in order to building a multiple family dwelling complex on the lot. Glaubius stated the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map identifies the area as being residential. Glaubius stated staff recommends a positive recommendation by the Planning Commission to City Council on the approval of the rezone request. Weber closed the public hearing at 6:28 PM. Redfern stated the property to be rezoned is essentially surrounded by residential zoning, and Glaubius confirmed. Glaubius stated a sign was posted on the property and letters were sent to all property owners within 300 feet. Glaubius stated he did receive some calls from neighbors, and they did not have an issue with the rezone. **Conclusion:** Motion by Estrada, seconded by Gompert to make a positive recommendation on the rezone of Lot 2A, Block 8, East Portal

pictures of other community entrances when the GG-O was proposed for adoption. Weber stated that the Planning Commission obviously wanted an attractive city entrance, and a balance needs to be found between having an attractive community and not burdening developers. Weber stated the GG-O was to cover the first impressions of the city while the landscaping code was to cover the rest of the city. Weber asked if the GG-O repeal would limit enforcement in the future, and if the Planning Commission should rather amend the GG-O. Weber stated he believes the intent to have attractive looking entrances to the city still exist, and perhaps the GG-O was the first attempt to do this. Weber suggested the landscaping, offstreet parking, and sign code be revised prior to the repeal of the GG-O. Weber asked Reichert and Trumbull how they would like to see the code from the developer's side. Reichert stated as a developer, the simpler the code the better. Reichert stated it is challenging to interpret which parts of the code overrides another such as buffer yard requirements versus off-street parking stall requirements. Trumbull stated the GG-O covers a lot of things that are also covered in other areas of codes. Trumbull stated it is difficult to ensure all requirements are being met in both the GG-O and the respective other codes. Trumbull stated that with the GG-O being so broad currently, it is easy for both the city and the developer to miss something. Trumbull stated this leads to uncomfortable situation where the city must determine whether to penalize a developer or accept the oversight. Trumbull stated that if the requirements are in the intended sections such as landscaping requirements being only in the landscaping code, then it is easier for interpretation. Trumbull stated the GG-O was thoughtfully thought out when it was originally approved, but since then other parts of the code have been improved and now there are duplications in the GG-O. Trumbull stated that large developers are use to a streamlined simple formula compared to scattered requirements. Aguallo inquired to Glaubius that staff's intent is to repeal the GG-O, maintain the GG-Os expectations into other sections of the zoning code, and eliminate doublespeak. Glaubius concurred and stated this expectation would be moved to the landscaping code, sign code, and off-street parking code. Redfern suggested the Planning Commission and staff review the other applicable sections of the code prior to outright repealing the GG-O. Redfern stated that once the landscaping, off-street parking, and sign codes have been enhanced, the GG-O could be considered unnecessary and be repealed. Glaubius reviewed the supplement report again with the Planning Commission and inquired which aspects would the Planning Commission like to retain. Wayman stated that he understands the desire for a good-looking community, but the GG-O seems like another barrier for growth, and Aguallo agreed. Wayman used the example of Reichert's fuel station freestanding sign height at Highway 26 and E. Overland Drive. Wayman stated the Planning Commission had to determine whether the sign needed to meet the sign code requirements or the GG-O requirements. Reichert concurred that it was difficult to interpret. Wayman stated he felt that a change to the GG-O needs to happen sooner than later in case it deters potential development. Redfern stated that some of the listed aspects on the supplemental report should not be considered barriers such as screening dumpsters. Wayman and Redfern agreed that most business already want to do this. Redfern stated that most of the aspects of the supplemental report should be incorporated into other parts of the code prior to the repeal of the GG-O. Glaubius reviewed the supplemental report again. Glaubius stated that having landscaping requirements for an entire lot is not reasonable citywide. Glaubius stated that the requirement to bury overhead powerlines is not reasonable either and is one that developers balk at due to the high cost of burying powerlines. Glaubius stated the requirement of having parking behind or between buildings has a good intent, however the wording is inadequate. Glaubius stated that this could be incorporated into the off-street parking code, however questioned whether this requirement should remain. Glaubius used the example of Menards as this requirement would have led to

Chairman Dana Weber	
Zachary Glaubius, Secr	etary

# ORDINANCE NO. 4151

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA DEALING WITH THE GATEWAY/GREEN OVERLAY ZONE, REPEALING PRIOR §25-3-22.01 OF THE SCOTTSBLUFF MUNICIPAL CODE AND REPLACING THE ENTIRE SECTION, REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF,

Section 1. Chapter 25, Article 3 of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code is amended by repealing the existing language and substituting the following language:

# 25-3-22.01. GG-O Gateway Green Overlay Zone (GG-O).

# Purpose.

The Gateway Green Overlay (GGO) Zone is intended to:

- Promote the general health, safety and welfare of the community
- Create a sense of continuity throughout the corridor with harmonious design standards for public improvements and private property development.
- Preserve and enhance the historical attractions and landmarks of Scottsbluff and the surrounding area.

# Design Guidelines

The GGO Zone is an overlay zone that supersedes those of any other zoning district to which a tract of land may be subject and shall be read together and incorporated with the Landscaping Article of this Chapter found at Section 25-22-1 through 25-22-10 of the Municipal Code, referred to as the "Landscaping Article". All new development and redevelopment must conform to the design guidelines. All plans shall be reviewed and approved for design, landscaping and architectural detail and compatibility. No design plans that have been approved by the Planning Commission may be altered without approval of the planning commission. Boundaries

The GGO Zone shall consist of all land located within one thousand feet measured perpendicular from the right-of-way of the following transportation corridors:

- U.S. Highway 26, extending from the East Extraterritorial Boundary to the West Extraterritorial Boundary
- Highland Road, extending from the intersection with Airport Road to the intersection with U.S. Highway 26
- McClellan Expressway (East Bypass Highway 71) from the North Platte River to its intersection with U.S. Highway 26,
- Broadway Avenue from the North Platte River to its intersection with South Beltline Highway E.
- Avenue I from the North Platte River to its intersection with South Beltline Highway F.
- Highway 71 from the intersection with Highway 26 to the north Extraterritorial Boundary
- Highway L-79-G (West 20th Street extended) from the west Extraterritorial boundary to the West corporate limits of the city. Development Action

There shall be no development action within the GGO Zone without permission of the Planning Commission. Any person or entity desiring a development action within the GGO Zone must submit plans to the Planning Commission for review and approval. Development Standards

The development standards were formulated to create a visually pleasing GGO Zone and to convey the values of the City of Scottsbluff. Signs

- - Monument Signs One ground sign, monument type with a maximum height of 1. 6'shall be permitted on each lot. Total area of sign not to exceed 250 square feet. Sign structure materials shall be comparable with materials used on the facade of the
  - Wall Signs and Marquee Signs One wall sign or marquee sign shall be permitted 2. per building side. 3.
  - One 25' pole sign will be allowed in the GGO zone per development.
  - Other signs may be permitted, in the sole discretion of the Planning and Development Director, if the sign is small in scale, is directional in nature and meets the intent of this section.

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- c. Rooftop mechanical equipment, including HVAC and utility equipment shall be screened from adjacent streets, sidewalks, residential, public and institutional uses. Screening shall consist of parapet walls or an opaque enclosure around the equipment that is constructed of one of the materials used on the primary facade of the principal structure.
- d. Ground or wall mounted mechanical equipment such as HVAC equipment, transformers, generators, and gangs of multiple utility meters shall be screened from adjacent streets, sidewalks, residential, public and institutional uses. Screening shall consist of evergreen planting masonry wall, wood or PVC fencing or other opaque enclosure around the equipment that is constructed of one of the permanent and durable materials used on the primary facade of the building. The height of the planting or fence shall be sufficient to effectively screen the equipment from view.

  e. Outdoor storage shall be prohibited.
- Buffer Yards

3.

- a. Developed for the purpose of providing an effective visual screen between two dissimilar uses.
- Buffer Yards shall be required along and inside the property line of commercial property abutting a residentially zoned property.
- c. Buffer Yards shall be 20'minimum in depth and shall meet the following criteria:

Be planted with a staggered double row of evergreen trees at least 6' in height, or be planted with a single row of deciduous shade trees 2" caliper trunk minimum and two staggered rows of evergreen shrubs at least 3' in height, planted a maximum of 4' on center.

- d. If a 6' high solid wood or PVC fence or masonry wall is incorporated into the design the buffer yard may be reduced by 10'. Finished side of fencing will face abutting property. A row of evergreen trees at least 6' in height, or a single row of decidu ous shade trees 2" caliper trunk minimum and a staggered row of evergreen shrubs at least 3' in height, planted a maximum of 4' on center must accompany the fence.
- Maintenance of Buffer Yard
  - a. The buffer yard shall be maintained so as to provide an effective visual screen. If plant material shall die or be removed such that the buffer yard no longer functions, the plant material shall be replaced by the property owner.
- 5 Landscaping

b.

- Building Perimeter Walls
  - Shrubs shall be planted within 10' of the foundation of the primary structure along each building facade at a density that will obscure 60% of the building foundation after 5 years, except for sides or rear of building used for loading or service area.
  - Along each street frontage there shall be, at a minimum, 10' wide landscape strip, continuous along the frontage except for the perpendicular crossings for driveways and utilities. The landscape strip shall be planted with shade trees at a rate of one per 40' of linear frontage or evergreen trees at a rate of one per 20' of linear frontage. Evergreens may only be planted if planting bed is a minimum of 20 feet wide. Trees may be spread irregularly in informal groupings or be uniformly spaced, as consistent with large overall planting patterns and organization. Trees shall be spread a minimum of 15' apart for large shade trees and evergreens, and a minimum of 10' apart for small ornamentals (list provides). Grouping of trees may be no more than 150' apart. The space between the trees should be planted and maintained to aid the health and growth of the trees. There must be a maintained, non-turf grass landscape bed under and around trees, to be a minimum of 40 square feet per large shade tree or evergreen and 30 square feet per small or medium tree. The landscape zone must be planted to appropriate and compatible shrubs or herbaceous grasses or perennials to cover at least 50% of the bed. The remainder may be mulch. Organic mulch should be used if possible. Screen standards shall comply with Sections 25-22-7 and 25-22-8 of this Code. Where overhead wires exist directly over tree planting area, small ornamental trees shall be substituted for required shade trees at an equal number.

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to spend 3% of any remodel or redevelopment project toward bringing the property and landscaping up to the development standards in this section. Once the property and landscaping meet the requirements of this section, the property owner or occupant will no longer have to spend a portion of the remodel or redevelopment project to make improvements in order to comply with this section. In addition, if the property owner or occupant is able to show they are unable to bring the property into compliance because of the property's topography or features, then the property owner or occupant may appear before the City's Planning Commission to explain why they cannot comply. If the Planning Commission finds the property owner or occupants are unable to comply with the requirements of this section for the reasons stated above, then it may excuse the property owner or occupant from attempting to comply and instead allow them to pay an amount equal to 3% of their project directly to the City for use by the City on Gateway Green projects within the GGO overlay zone or other Gateway and Green projects on City improvements or parks.

## **Definitions**

- 1. Buffer Yard: A landscaped area intended to separate and partially obstruct the view of two (2) adjacent land uses or properties from on another.
- 2. Gateway: An intersection designated as an entrance into the city or into the downtown area that is planned for additional design elements to "announce" the arrival to a special place.
- 3. Landscaped Area: The area within the boundaries of a given lot, site or common development consisting primarily of plant material, including but not limited to grass, trees, shrubs, vines, ground cover, and other organic plant materials; or grass paver masonry units installed such that the appearance of the area is primarily landscaped.
- 4. Storm Water Retention Ponds: Ponds or basins designed to hold rain water that has run off the surrounding landscape of lawns, roads, and rooftops.
- 5. Evergreen Planting: Dense planting of evergreen plant material that creates an opaque barrier.

# Appendix A

# Approved Deciduous Shade Trees

Botanical Name
Aesculus glabra
Catalpa speciosa
Celtis occidentalis

Common Name
Ohio Buckeye
Northern Catalpa
Common Hackberry

Ginkgo biloba Ginkgo

Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis Honeylocust (avoid "Sunburst", other varieties okay)

Gymnocladus dioicus Kentucky Coffeetree

Populus deltoieds Eastern Cottonwood (only on very large sites, may not

be used for parking lot plantings)

Quercus albaWhite OakQuercus macrocarpaBur OakQuercus macrocarpa x roburHeritage OakQuercus muehlenbergiiChinkapin OakQuercus roburEnglish OakTilia americanaAmerican Linden

Tilia americana American Linden
Tilia cordata Littleleaf Linden
Tilia tomentosa Silver Linden

Ulmus americana American Elm (Dutch Elm Disease resistant varieties

only)

Ulmus x sp. Hybrid Elm (check with Dev. Services for specific

varieties)

Due to the Emerald Ash Borer destroying large quantities of Ash trees in the Eastern United States and its progressive movement west, Ash trees will be prohibited in GGO Zones.

# Approved Small Ornamental Trees

Botanical Name
Amelanchier x grandiflora

Common Name
Serviceberry

Crataegus crusgalli x intermis Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn (Horizontally

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# CERTIFICATE OF PASSAGE

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County of Scotts Bluff ) §
City of Scottsbluff )

I, Cynthia A. Dickinson, City Clerk of the City of Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, hereby certify that the annexed Ordinance purporting to be Ordinance No. 4151 of said City was passed as such by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Scottsbluff, Scotts Buff County, Nebraska, pursuant to the rules and regulations prescribed by general law and by said City for the passage of Ordinances, and was duly approved by the Mayor of said City, passage and approval having been made on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015 with respect to said Ordinance aforesaid which said Ordinance No. 4151 has been published in pamphlet form by authority of the Mayor and Council of said City under direction of its duly constituted authorities pursuant to resolution of the Mayor and Council thereof with copies made available to the public on such date at the office of the City Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my hand and the seal of the City of Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, A. D., 2015.

apothia a Dukinsan City Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

General Notary - State of Nebraska CHRISTINE BURBACH My Comm. Exp. Feb. 1, 2016



# SCOTTSBLUFF CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, February 9, 2015, 6:00 PM

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

BECKY ESTRADA CHAIRPERSON

ANGIE AGUALLO
VICE CHAIRPERSON

Dana Weber

HENRY HUBER

MARK WESTPHAL

CALLAN WAYMAN

DAVID GOMPERT

JIM ZITTERKOPF

ANITA CHADWICK

LINDA REDFERN ALTERNATE

- 1. WELCOME TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Chairman
- 2. NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT: For all interested parties, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on a bulletin board at the back of the council chambers in the west corner.
- 3. ROLL CALL:
- 4. NOTICE OF CHANGES IN THE AGENDA: Additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24-hours prior to the beginning of the meeting unless added under item 5 of this agenda.
- 5. CITIZENS WITH ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA: As required by State Law, no item may be considered under this item unless the Planning Commission determines that the matter requires an emergency action.
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FROM:
  - **A** Minutes

Approve Minutes of January 14, 2014

- 7. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A Gateway Greenway Ordinance

Ordinance: Text changes to GGO Zoning District

Applicant(s): N/A Owner(s): N/A Location: N/A

B Ordinance Floodway

Ordinance: Floodway text changes

Applicant(s): N/A Owner(s): N/A Location: N/A

C Ordinance text changes in C-1 Zoning

Ordinance: C-1 Central Business District

Applicant: N/A Owner(s): N/A

Location: Broadway 14th St north to 20th St.

8. ADJOURN

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# City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska Monday, February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting

# Item NewBiz1

# **Gateway Greenway Ordinance**

Ordinance: Text changes to GGO Zoning District

Applicant(s): N/A

Owner(s): N/A

Location: N/A

Staff Contact: Annie Folck

Use	Minimum Lot Size	ze Lot Width	Maximum Coverage (%)	Maximum # Dwelling Units	Front	Rear	Setbacks Interior Side		Side Street	Floor Area	Maximum Height
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C. McClellan Expressway (East Bypass Highway 71) from the North Platte River to its intersection with U.S. Highway 26,

- All parking areas visible from the transportation corridors shall have a complete 5. visual buffer of 4' minimum height.
- Where parking lots abut adjacent residential zoned areas a buffer yard of 20' 6. minimum is required.
- Landscaping and Screening Standards E.

Landscaping is critical in creating a visually pleasing appearance of the transportation corridors in the City of Scottsbluff. Landscape design and development shall be priority in the planning process. To the extent reasonably feasible, all landscape plans shall be designed to incorporate water conservation materials and techniques in order to comply with each of the xeriscape landscaping principles listed below. Xeriscape landscaping principles do not include or allow artificial turf or plants, mulched (including gravel) beds or areas without landscape plant material, paving of areas not required for walkways, plazas or parking lots, bare ground, weed covered or infested surfaces or any landscaping that does not comply with the standards of this section. See appendix A for recommended species.

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  - e.
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  - Maintenance. Provide regular and attentive maintenance. g.

#### 2. Screening

- All loading and service areas that are within a 50' of a side or rear lot line a. abutting property that is residentially zoned shall be surrounded by a 6' high masonry wall or solid wood or PVC fence with opaque gate.
- Waste receptacles, including dumpsters, garbage cans, or grease containers b. shall be located in the rear or side yard of lot and no more than 20' from residentially zoned areas. All waste receptacles shall be screened from view from all property lines and public areas of the site by a minimum 6' high evergreen planting, masonry wall, wood or PVC fence.
- Rooftop mechanical equipment, including HVAC and utility equipment shall c. be screened from adjacent streets, sidewalks, residential, public and institutional uses. Screening shall consist of parapet walls or an opaque

groupings or be uniformly spaced, as consistent with large overall planting patterns and organization. Trees shall be spread a minimum of 15' apart for large shade trees and evergreens, and a minimum of 10' apart for small ornamentals (list provides). Grouping of trees may be no more than 150' apart. The space between the trees should be planted and maintained to aid the health and growth of the trees. There must be a maintained, non-turf grass landscape bed under and around trees, to be a minimum of 40 square feet per large shade tree or evergreen and 30 square feet per small or medium tree. The landscape zone must be planted to appropriate and compatible shrubs or herbaceous grasses or perennials to cover at least 50% of the bed. The remainder may be mulch. Organic mulch should be used if possible. Screen standards shall comply with Sections 25-22-7 and 25-22-8 of this Code. Where overhead wires exist directly over tree planting area, small ornamental trees shall be substituted for required shade trees at an equal number.

- c. Plant material, wall or fencing in any required landscaped area shall not obstruct the view from the off street parking facility to any driveway approach, street, alley or sidewalk. Landscaping shall further not obstruct any views among parking spaces and circulation ways, or visibility between vehicles and pedestrians.
- d. Storm water retention ponds shall be landscaped and developed in such a way as to enhance or be in harmony with the surrounding site landscape.
  - 1. Retention basins should be "free form" following the natural contours of the land. If land lacks contour, the basins shall be created to look like a natural depression. Side slopes should vary to give the appearance of a natural condition.
  - 2. Trees and shrub groupings shall be planted intermittently along the ridge of the retention pond to create the appearance of the plants naturally occurring.
  - 3. Approved erosion control measures will be required on all slopes. Use of Inorganic landscape materials is prohibited. No artificial trees, shrubs, plants or turf shall be used to fulfill the minimum requirements for landscaping. Inorganic materials such as stone or decorative pavers, may be used provided that such material does not compromise more than 25% of the minimum required landscaped area. When calculating the area to determine how much inorganic material may be used, the area of driveways and walkways shall not be counted. Loose rock and cobblestones shall not be permitted within any required landscaped area which is within 10' of a traveled street surface.

# e. Minimum Tree and Shrub Sizes

- 1. All deciduous shade trees shall be a minimum 1 1/2 " caliper measured 12" from above the root ball.
- 2. All evergreen trees shall be a minimum 5' in height measured from the top of the root ball to the top of the tree.

Removed 3-BEC as discussed to the City for use by the City on Gateway Green projects within the GGO overlay zone or other Gateway and Green projects on City improvements or parks.

## **Definitions**

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- 2. Gateway: An intersection designated as an entrance into the city or into the downtown area that is planned for additional design elements to "announce" the arrival to a special place.
- 3. Landscaped Area: The area within the boundaries of a given lot, site or common development consisting primarily of plant material, including but not limited to grass, trees, shrubs, vines, ground cover, and other organic plant materials; or grass paver masonry units installed such that the appearance of the area is primarily landscaped.
- 4. Storm Water Retention Ponds: Ponds or basins designed to hold rain water that has run off the surrounding landscape of lawns, roads, and rooftops.
- 5. Evergreen Planting: Dense planting of evergreen plant material that creates an opaque barrier.

# Appendix A

# **Approved Deciduous Shade Trees**

Botanical Name	Common Name				
Aesculus glabra	Ohio Buckeye				
Callia and destable	Common Hackbe				

Celtis occidentalis Common Hackberry

Ginkgo biloba Ginkgo

Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis Shademaster Honeylocust

Skyline Honeylocust (Additional varieties must be

approved by Planning Commission)

Gymnocladus dioicus Kentucky Coffeetree

Populus deltoieds Eastern Cottonwood (only on very large sites, may not

be used for parking lot plantings)

Quercus alba

Quercus macrocarpa

Quercus muehlenbergii

Quercus robur

Tilia americana

White Oak

Bur Oak

Chinkapin Oak

English Oak

American Linden

Tilia americana American Linden
Tilia cordata Littleleaf Linden

Due to the Emerald Ash Borer destroying large quantities of Ash trees in the Eastern United States and it progressive movement west, Ash trees will be prohibited in GGO Zones.

# **Approved Small Ornamental Trees**

Botanical Name
Amelanchier x grandiflora

Apple Serviceberry

Crataegus crusgalli x intermis Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn

Malus spp. Crabapple varieties:

# Planning Commission Minutes Regular Scheduled Meeting February 9, 2015 Scottsbluff, Nebraska

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The Planning Commission of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska met in a regular scheduled meeting on 6 Monday, February 9, 2015, 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, 7 Nebraska. A notice of the meeting had been published in the Star-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, on January 30, 2015. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting would be open to the public, that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation 10 to attend the Planning Commission meeting should contact the Development Services Department, and that an agenda of the meeting kept continuously current was available for public inspection at Development Services Department office; provided, the City Planning Commission could modify the 13 agenda at the meeting if the business was determined that an emergency so required. A similar notice, 14 together with a copy of the agenda, also had been delivered to each Planning Commission member. An 15 agenda kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the Development Services Department at all times from publication to the time of the meeting. 17

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ITEM 1: Chairman, Becky Estrada called the meeting to order. Roll call consisted of the following members: Anita Chadwick, Dana Weber, Jim Zitterkopf, Angie Aguallo, Callan Wayman, David Gompert, Henry Huber, and Becky Estrada. Absent: Mark Westphal. City officials present: Annie Urdiales, Planning Administrator, Annie Folck, City Planner, and Gary Batt, Code Administrator II.

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ITEM 2: Chairman Estrada informed all those present of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and that a copy of such is posted on bookcase in the back area of the City Council Chamber, for those interested parties.

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28 ITEM 3: Acknowledgment of any changes in the agenda: None.

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30 ITEM 4: Business not on agenda: None

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ITEM 5: Citizens with items not scheduled on regular agenda: None

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ITEM 6: The minutes of January 12, 2015 were reviewed and approved. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Weber, and seconded by Zitterkopf. "YEAS": Zitterkopf, Weber, Chadwick, Aguallo, and Estrada. "NAYS": None. ABSTAIN: Wayman, Huber, and Gompert. ABSENT: Westphal. Motion carried.

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NOTE: Commissioner Mark Westphal arrived at 6:05 p.m.

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ITEM 7A: The Planning Commission opened a public hearing for proposed ordinance text changes in Chapter 25-3-22.1 - Gateway Greenway Overlay zone. Staff has been working on changes/additions since 2014 this is the third draft for the Planning Commission to review before sending on to City Council. Annie Folck, City Planner, went through and outlined the proposed changes and additions to the code. Under design guidelines language was added stating that the GG overlay zone shall be read together and incorporated with the Landscaping Article in Section 25-22-1 through 25-22-10 of the City's Municipal Code, referred to as the "Landscaping Article". Other changes are as follows:

Municipal Code, referred to as the Landscaping Article. Other changes are as follows:

Section 25-3-22.1 Development Standards – A. Signs - # 2. One wall sign or marquee sign shall be permitted per building side. Also added was # 4. Other signs may be permitted, in the sole discretion of the Planning and Development Director, if the sign is small scale, is directional in nature and meets the intent of this section.

Section 25-3-22.1 Development Standards - D. Parking Lot Designs # 1. - All parking areas shall be paved to meet current ordinance requirements, including those in the Landscaping Article. #3. -added All landscape islands shall have a minimum of 100 square feet of open ground and at least 300 cubic foot of good soil rooting volume for each tree. One half of all landscape islands must include a deciduous canopy tree & landscape islands shall be evenly distributed to the maximum extent possible.

E. Landscaping and Screening Standards - added - To the extend reasonably feasible, all landscape plans shall be designed to incorporate water conservation materials and techniques in order to comply with each of the xeriscape landscaping principles listed below, Xeriscape landscaping principles do not include or allow artificial turf or plants, mulched (including gravel) beds or areas without landscape plant material, paving of areas not required for walkways, plazas or parking lots, bare ground, weed covered or infested surfaces or any landscaping that does not comply with the standards of this section. #1.d. Irrigation - Design, operate and maintain an efficient irrigation system. Drip irrigation shall be used in all landscape beds, if sprinklers are used for turf, no water shall be sprayed over sidewalks, streets or parking lots. Areas of low water use landscaping may be included but must be indicated on the plans. Irrigation water must be available for the initial two years after planting to establish low water use landscapes; e. Soil Preparation - Incorporate soil amendments before planting; f. Mulch - Add mulch to plantings beds to a minimum depth of 3" around trees and shrubs and 1: around perennials and ornamental grasses. Organic mulch is preferred; rock mulch may be used only if pre-approved by the Planner. g. Maintenance - Provide regular and attentive maintenance.

5. Landscaping – under building perimeter Walls typo X% needs changed to 60%. b. trees at a rate of one per 20' of linear frontage. Evergreens may only be planted if planting bed is a minimum of 20 feet wide. Trees may be spread irregularly in informal groupings or be uniformly spaced, as consistent with large overall plantings patterns and organization. Trees shall be spread a minimum of 15' apart for large shade trees and evergreens, and a minimum of 10' apart for small ornamentals (list provides). Groupings of trees may be no more than 150' apart. The space between the trees should be planted and maintained to aid the health and growth of the trees. There must be a maintained, non-turf grass landscape bed under and around trees, to be a minimum of 40 square feet per large shade tree or evergreen and 30 square feet per small or medium trees. The landscape zone must be planted to appropriate and compatible shrubs or herbaceous grasses or perennials to cover at least 50% of the bed. The remainder may be mulch. Organic mulch should be used if possible. e. Minimum Tree & Shrub sizes changed sizes - 4. Shrubs shall be two gallon size or greater or 15" (previously 18"-24") in height if balled or bur lapped. 5. Perennials & ornamental grasses shall be one quart (previously 1 gallon) size or greater.

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Also, added to Development standards: F. Minimum Species Diversity

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Number of trees on site, Maximum percentage of any one species

10-19:33% 95 30-39: 25% 96

40 or more: 15% 97

G. Use of Approved Species

- Section 25-19-18 (2) h Review all subdivision proposals and other proposed new development,
- including manufactured home parks or subdivisions to determine whether such proposal will reasonably 151
- be safe from flooding. 152
- Reworded Section 25-19-29 Standards for flood fringe overlay zone; manufactured homes part two (2) 153
- for clarification regarding elevation requirements. (Shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that
- the lowest floor of the manufactured home is at or above one foot above the base flood elevation; and be 155
- securely anchored to an adequately anchored foundation system).
- Adding to definitions 25-19-51.1 Expansion to an existing Manufactured Home Park and Subdivision,
- 25-19-66.1 New Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision, and 25-19-77 Violation. 158

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- When the study is completed over the next year we hope to submit the information and have the
- 160 Floodplain maps updated as they were last done in 1979 for the City. We are hoping to do a workshop in 161
- the future for Realtors and other interested parties on requirements within the floodways.

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- Conclusion: A motion was made by Westphal and seconded by Weber to make a positive 164
- recommendation to City Council to approve the proposed ordinance amendment changes of Chapter 25,
- Article 19 Amending Sections 25-19-18(2), 25-19-29(2), and to clarify definitions in Sections 25-
- 19.51.1, 25-19-66.1 & 25-19-77 relating to Floodways within the City of Scottsbluff and its extra 167
- territorial jurisdiction. "YEAS": Weber, Chadwick, Zitterkopf, Aguallo, Westphal, Gompert, Wayman, 168
- Huber, and Estrada. "NAYS": None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried. 169

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- ITEM 7C. The Planning Commission opened a public hearing for proposed ordinance text change in the 171
- C-1 Zoning district revising 25-3-13 relating to principle permitted uses & special permit uses, 25-5-2
- related to parking requirements for residential uses and 25-7-38 relating to off street parking requirements
- and excepting condominium used in the Central Business District which is located along Broadway,
- Avenue A, and 1st Avenue from 14th Street north to 20th Street. 175

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- City Staff had a request asking about a condominium final plat to allow separation of a business and 177
- residential unit in a building located in the C-1 zoning district. This has been done in the past in an O & P 178
- zoning district, and is an allowable use in several of our zoning districts but was not in the C-1 Central 179
- Business District on Broadway. The changes are the addition of 20.5 Condominium which will allow 180
- for condominiums of three or less units as a permitted use by right in the C-1 district. This will enable a
- person to apply for a condominium final plat allowing for separation within a building to allow separate
- 182 units which can be sold separately. The units/structures will have to meet building, fire, and safety codes.
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- The addition of 27.5 Dwelling units, brings all the existing apartments in the C-1 zoning district into 184
- compliance with City code. 185

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- The other changes bring the condominium parking and off street parking requirements into compliance 187
- meeting the requirements of the Nebraska Condominium Act. This change will give the condominiums
- the same parking rights as the other residential units in the Central Business District. 189

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- Conclusion: A motion was made by Weber and seconded by Chadwick to make a positive 191
- recommendation to City Council to approve the revisions in 25-3-13 relating to principle permitted uses
- & special permit uses, 25-5-2 related to parking requirements for residential uses and 25-7-38 relating to 193
- off street parking requirements and excepting condominium used in the Central Business District 194
- "YEAS": Weber, Chadwick, Zitterkopf, Aguallo, Westphal, Gompert, Wayman, Huber, and Estrada.
- "NAYS": None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried. 196

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- ITEM 8. Unfinished Business: Updated the Planning Commission on the map for our comprehensive 198
- development plan allowing for large lot development in the extra territorial jurisdiction. City Council 199
- approved the ordinance for the changes in code and will have the three readings of the ordinance this will 200



# SCOTTSBLUFF CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, June 9, 2014, 6:00 PM City Hall, 2525 Circle Drive

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

BECKY ESTRADA CHAIRPERSON

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Dana Weber

HENRY HUBER

MARK WESTPHAL

CALLAN WAYMAN

DAVID GOMPERT

JIM ZITTERKOPF

ANITA CHADWICK

LINDA REDFERN ALTERNATE 1. WELCOME TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Chairman

2. NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT: For all interested parties, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on a bulletin board at the back of the council chambers in the west corner.

3. ROLL CALL:

4. NOTICE OF CHANGES IN THE AGENDA: Additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24-hours prior to the beginning of the meeting unless added under item 5 of this agenda.

CITIZENS WITH ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA: As
required by State Law, no item may be considered under this item unless the Planning
Commission determines that the matter requires an emergency action.

6. APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FROM:

**A Minutes** 

Approve Minutes of 5/12/14

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A Ordinance

Ordinance to Vacate

Applicant: Tim & Virginia Reganis (Schaff's)

Owner(s): Tim & Virginia Reganis

Location: N of Scottsbluff Drain, W of 12th Ave

**B** Final Plat

Final Plat: Block 2, Reganis Subdivision

Applicant(s): Tim & Virginia Reganis - M.C. Schaff & Associates

Owner(s): Tim & Virginia Reganis

Location: N of 27th St., W of 12th Ave, projected South from Talisman Dr.

C Ordinance Text Change

Ordinance Text Change: GGO Zone

Appllicant(s): n/a
Owner(s): n/a

Location: City corridors

8. ADJOURN

The public is invited to participate in all Planning Commission Meetings. If you need special accommodations to participate in the meeting, please contact the Development Services Department at (308) 630-6243, 24-hours prior to the meeting.

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# SCOTTSBLUFF CITY PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To:

Planning Commission

From:

Development Services Department

Date:

June 9, 2014

Subject:

Proposed Ordinance Text Changes to Gateway

Greenway Overlay zone (25-3-22.1)

# **Procedure**

1. Open Public Hearing

- 2. Overview of petition by city staff
- 3. Presentation by applicant
- 4. Solicitation of public comments
- 5. Questions from the Planning Commission
- 6. Close the Public Hearing
- 7. Render a decision (recommendation to the City Council)
- 8. Public Process: City Council determine final approval

Public Notice: This item was noticed in the paper

# Background

City Staff has been reviewing the Gateway Greenway Overlay zoning district. A few things looked at were changes in language regarding signage regulations for commercial development in the GGO area and the requirements for trees and grouping of plants/trees in the district. Annie Folck has met with legal on the proposed changes and a draft ordinance is attached for your review.

# RECOMMENDATION

Approve

Make the motion to give a POSITIVE recommendation for the requested zone text change of Gateway Greenway Overlay Zone, code section 25-3-22.1 to the City Council subject to the following condition(s):

Deny

Make the motion to give a NEGATIVE recommendation for the requested zone text change of the Gateway Greenway Overlay Zone, code section 25-3-22.1 to the City Council for the following reason(s):

#### Table

Make the motion to TABLE the request for zone text change of the Gateway Greenway Overlay Zone, code section 25-3-22.1 for the following reason(s):

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Gateway Greenway additions and suggestions

Ordinance 25-3-22.1

#### Sections to amend:

# D. Parking Lot Design

- -Reference our requirement in landscaping ordinance of interior landscaped area equal to no less than five percent of the total paving area
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### E.4.b

-10' landscape strip is currently required- change to *minimum* of 10' landscape strip required -Shade trees to be planted *at a rate of* one per 40' of linear frontage or evergreen trees at a rate of one per 20' of linear frontage rather than requiring that they be spaced exactly 40' or 20' apart. Trees may be spaced irregularly in informal groupings or be uniformly spaced, as consistent with larger overall planting patterns and organization. Trees shall be spaced a minimum of 15' apart for large shade trees and evergreens, and a minimum of 10' apart for small ornamentals (list is provided). Groupings of trees may be no more than 150' apart. -Currently requires intermittent hedge not less than 4' in height- change to reference screening requirements in landscaping ordinance- 25-22-7 and 25-22-8 -Add requirement: The space between the trees should be planted and maintained to aid the

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#### Sections to add:

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## Redevelopment

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# Design Guidelines

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# **Boundaries**

The GGO Zone shall consist of all land located within one thousand feet measured perpendicular from the right-of-way of the following transportation corridors:

- A. U.S. Highway 26, extending from the East Extraterritorial Boundary to the West Extraterritorial Boundary
- B. Highland Road, extending from the intersection with Airport Road to the intersection with U.S. Highway 26
- C. McClellan Expressway (East Bypass Highway 71) from the North Platte River to its intersection with U.S. Highway 26,

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- D. Broadway Avenue from the North Platte River to its intersection with South Beltline Highway
- E. Avenue I from the North Platte River to its intersection with South Beltline Highway
- F. Highway 71 from the intersection with Highway 26 to the north Extraterritorial Boundary
- G. Highway L-79-G (West 20<sup>th</sup> Street extended) from the west Extraterritorial boundary to the West corporate limits of the city.

# **Development Action**

There shall be no development action within the GGO Zone without permission of the Planning Commission. Any person or entity desiring a development action within the GGO Zone must submit plans to the Planning Commission for review and approval.

# **Development Standards**

The development standards were formulated to create a visually pleasing GGO Zone and to convey the values of the City of Scottsbluff.

- A. Signs
  - 1. Monument Signs One ground sign, monument type with a maximum height of 6'shall be permitted on each lot. Total area of sign not to exceed 250 square feet. Sign structure materials shall be comparable with materials used on the facade of the principal building.
  - 2. Wall Signs and Marquee Signs One wall sign or marquee sign shall be permitted for each building or tenant in multi-tenant building. Signs shall only be permitted on the side of building with main public entrance.
  - 3. One 25' pole sign will be allowed in the GGO zone per development.
- B. Lighting
  - Lighting on private property shall be in harmony with poles and lanterns within specified corridors. Lights shall provide safe and efficient lighting and be without glare for pedestrians and motorists passing by. All lighting shall be designed to avoid intrusion on adjacent properties and adjacent roads.
- C. Overhead lines
  - 1. Eliminate the need for power cables by burying cables underground.
- D. Parking Lot Design
  - 1. All parking areas shall be paved to meet current ordinance requirements, including those in the Landscaping Article.
  - 2. All developments shall have off-street parking.
  - 3. Parking areas over 50 spaces shall include landscape islands. All landscape islands shall have a minimum of 10 square feet of open ground and at least 300 cubic foot of good soil rooting volume for each tree. One half of all landscape islands must include a large shade tree. Understory plantings of shrubs/perennials/groundcover shall be durable and able to withstand foot traffic and frequent breakage from pedestrian traffic. Landscape islands shall be evenly distributed to the maximum extent possible.
  - 4. Parking areas should be placed between or behind buildings unless lot layout does not allow. If layout does not allow for parking between or behind buildings then conceptual parking design may be approved by the Planning Commission.
  - 5. All parking areas visible from the transportation corridors shall have a complete visual buffer of 4' minimum height.

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- 6. Where parking lots abut adjacent residential zoned areas a buffer yard of 20' minimum is required.
- E. Landscaping and Screening Standards
  Landscaping is critical in creating a visually pleasing appearance of the transportation corridors in the City of Scottsbluff. Landscape design and development shall be priority in the planning process. To the extent reasonably feasible, all landscape plans shall be designed to incorporate water conservation materials and techniques in order to comply with each of the xeriscape landscaping principles listed below. Xeriscape landscaping principles do not include or allow artificial turf or plants, mulched (including gravel) beds or areas without landscape plant material, paving of areas not required for walkways, plazas or parking lots, bare ground, weed covered or invested surfaces or any landscaping that does not comply with the standards of this section. See appendix A for recommended species.
- 1. Xeriscape landscaping principles are as follows:
  - a. Design. Identify zones of different water requirements and group plants together that have similar water needs;
  - b. Appropriate use of Turf. Limit high-irrigation turf and plantings to appropriate high-use areas with high visibility and functional needs;
  - c. Low-Water-Using Plants. Choose low-water-demanding plants and turf where practicable;
  - d. Irrigation. Design, operate and maintain an efficient irrigation system;
  - e. Soil Preparation. Incorporate soil amendments before planting;
  - f. Mulch. Add mulch to planting beds to a minimum depth of 3" around trees and shrubs and 1" around perennials and ornamental grasses;
  - g. Maintenance. Provide regular and attentive maintenance.

# 2. Screening

- a. All loading and service areas that are within a 50' of a side or rear lot line abutting property that is residentially zoned shall be surrounded by a 6' high masonry wall or solid wood or PVC fence with opaque gate.
- b. Waste receptacles, including dumpsters, garbage cans, or grease containers shall be located in the rear or side yard of lot and no more than 20' from residentially zoned areas. All waste receptacles shall be screened from view from all property lines and public areas of the site by a minimum 6' high evergreen planting, masonry wall, wood or PVC fence.
- c. Rooftop mechanical equipment, including HVAC and utility equipment shall be screened from adjacent streets, sidewalks, residential, public and institutional uses. Screening shall consist of parapet walls or an opaque enclosure around the equipment that is constructed of one of the materials used on the primary facade of the principal structure.
- d. Ground or wall mounted mechanical equipment such as HVAC equipment, transformers, generators, and gangs of multiple utility meters shall be screened from adjacent streets, sidewalks, residential, public and institutional uses. Screening shall consist of evergreen planting masonry wall, wood or PVC fencing or other opaque enclosure around the equipment that is constructed of one of the permanent and durable materials used on the

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primary facade of the building. The height of the planting or fence shall be sufficient to effectively screen the equipment from view.

e. Outdoor storage shall be prohibited.

# 3. Buffer Yards

- a. Developed for the purpose of providing an effective visual screen between two dissimilar uses.
- b. Buffer Yards shall be required along and inside the property line of commercial property abutting a residentially zoned property.
- c. Buffer Yards shall be 20'minimum in depth and shall meet the following criteria:
  - Be planted with a staggered double row of evergreen trees at least 6' in height, or be planted with a single row of deciduous shade trees 2" caliper trunk minimum and two staggered rows of evergreen shrubs at least 3' in height, planted a maximum of 4' on center.
- d. If a 6' high solid wood or PVC fence or masonry wall is incorporated into the design the buffer yard may be reduced by 10'. Finished side of fencing will face abutting property. A row of evergreen trees at least 6' in height, or a single row of deciduous shade trees 2" caliper trunk minimum and a staggered row of evergreen shrubs at least 3' in height, planted a maximum of 4' on center must accompany the fence.

# 4. Maintenance of Buffer Yard

a. The buffer yard shall be maintained so as to provide an effective visual screen. If plant material shall die or be removed such that the buffer yard no longer functions, the plant material shall be replaced by the property owner.

## 5. Landscaping

a. Building Perimeter Walls

- Shrubs shall be planted within 10' of the foundation of the primary structure along each building facade at the rate of at least 20 shrubs per 100 linear feet of building facade except for sides or rear of building used for loading or service area.
- Along each street frontage there shall be, at a minimum, 10' wide landscape b. strip, continuous along the frontage except for the perpendicular crossings for driveways and utilities. The landscape strip shall be planted with shade trees at a rate of one per 40' of linear frontage or evergreen trees at a rate of one per 20' of linear frontage. Trees may be spread irregularly in informal grouping or be uniformly spaced, as consistent with large overall planting patterns and organization. Trees shall be spread a minimum of 15' apart for large shade trees and evergreens, and a minimum of 10' apart for small ornamentals (list provides). Grouping of trees may be no more than 150' apart. The space between the trees should be planted and maintained to aid the health and growth of the trees. There must be a maintained, non-turf grass landscape bed under and around trees, to be a minimum of 40 square feet per large shade tree or evergreen and 30 square feet per small or medium tree. The landscape zone must be planted to appropriate and compatible shrubs or herbaceous grasses or perennials to cover at least 50% of the bed. The remainder may be

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- mulch. Organic mulch should be used if possible. Screen standards shall comply with Sections 25-22-7 and 25-22-8 of this Code. Where overhead wires exist directly over tree planting area, ornamental trees shall be substituted for required shade trees at an equal number.
- c. Plant material, wall or fencing in any required landscaped area shall not obstruct the view from the off street parking facility to any driveway approach, street, alley or sidewalk. Landscaping shall further not obstruct any views among parking spaces and circulation ways, or visibility between vehicles and pedestrians.
- d. Storm water retention ponds shall be landscaped and developed in such a way as to enhance or be in harmony with the surrounding site landscape.
  - 1. Retention basins should be "free form" following the natural contours of the land. If land lacks contour, the basins shall be created to look like a natural depression. Side slopes should vary to give the appearance of a natural condition.
  - 2. Trees and shrub groupings shall be planted intermittently along the ridge of the retention pond to create the appearance of the plants naturally occurring.
  - 3. Approved erosion control measures will be required on all slopes.
    - a. Use of Inorganic landscape materials is prohibited. No artificial trees, shrubs, plants or turf shall be used to fulfill the minimum requirements for landscaping. Inorganic materials such as stone or decorative pavers, may be used provided that such material does not compromise more than 25% of the minimum required landscaped area. When calculating the area to determine how much inorganic material may be used, the area of driveways and walkways shall not be counted. Loose rock and cobblestones shall not be permitted within any required landscaped area which is within 10' of a traveled street surface.
    - b. Underground irrigation shall be provided for all required landscaped areas. Areas of low water use landscaping may be included but must be indicated on plans. Irrigation water must be available for the initial two years after planting to establish low-water use landscapes.
    - c. All landscaped beds are to mulched with a 4" layer of wood mulch or rock mulch.
    - d. Minimum Tree and Shrub Sizes
      - 1. All deciduous shade trees shall be a minimum 2" caliper measured 12" from above the root ball.
      - 2. All evergreen trees shall be a minimum 5' in height measured from the top of the root ball to the top of the tree.
      - 3. All ornamental deciduous trees shall be a minimum 1½" caliper measured 12" from above the root ball.

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- 4. Shrubs shall be two gallon size or greater or 18"-24" in height if balled and burlapped.
- 5. All perennials and ornamental grasses shall be 1 gallon size or greater.
- e. Upon installation of required landscape materials, each owner shall take appropriate actions to ensure their continued health and maintenance. Required landscaping that does not remain healthy shall be replaced consistently with this section and the approved landscaping plan for the project.
- 5. Minimum Species Diversity.

To prevent uniform insect or disease susceptibility and eventual uniform senescence on a development site or in the adjacent area or the district, species diversity is required and expensive monocultures are prohibited. The following minimum requirements shall apply to any development plan.

Number of trees on site

Maximum percentage of one species

10-19: 33% 30-39: 25% 40 or more: 15%

6. Use of Approved Species.

Regionally native plants should be used when possible to help aid biodiversity and convey a sense of place with the natural context of our community. Any required planting should include at least 50% regionally native plants suitable for the purpose (we will include a recommended list).

7. Redevelopment.

Any properties located within the GGO overlay zone will be required to spend X% (still working with local landscapers and architects to determine what this number should be) of any remodel or redevelopment project on bringing their landscaping up to code. Once the landscaping meets the requirements of this ordinance, they no longer have to make improvements to it.

- G. Definitions
  - 1. Buffer Yard: A landscaped area intended to separate and partially obstruct the view of two (2) adjacent land uses or properties from on another.
  - 2. Gateway: An intersection designated as an entrance into the city or into the downtown area that is planned for additional design elements to "announce" the arrival to a special place.
  - 3. Landscaped Area: The area within the boundaries of a given lot, site or common development consisting primarily of plant material, including but not limited to grass, trees, shrubs, vines, ground cover, and other organic plant materials; or grass paver masonry units installed such that the appearance of the area is primarily landscaped.
  - Storm Water Retention Ponds: Ponds or basins designed to hold rain water that has run off the surrounding landscape of lawns, roads, and rooftops.
  - 5. Evergreen Planting: Dense planting of evergreen plant material that creates an opaque barrier.

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# Appendix A

# **Approved Deciduous Shade Trees**

**Botanical Name** 

Common Name

Aesculus glabra

Ohio Buckeye

Celtis occidentalis

Common Hackberry

Ginkgo biloba

Ginkgo

Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis

Shademaster Honeylocust

Skyline Honeylocust (Additional varieties must be

approved by Planning Commission)

Gymnocladus dioicus

Kentucky Coffeetree

Populus deltoieds

Eastern Cottonwood (only on very large sites, may not

be used for parking lot plantings)

Ouercus alba

White Oak

Quercus macrocarpa

Bur Oak

Quercus muehlenbergii

Chinkapin Oak English Oak

Quercus robur Tilia americana

American Linden

Tilia cordata

Littleleaf Linden

Due to the Emerald Ash Borer destroying large quantities of Ash trees in the Eastern United States and it progressive movement west, Ash trees will be prohibited in GGO Zones.

# **Approved Small Ornamental Trees**

**Botanical Name** 

Common Name

Amelanchier x grandiflora

Apple Serviceberry

Crataegus crusgalli x intermis

Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn

Malus spp.

Crabapple varieties: Bechtal

Brandywine (prohibited in parking areas and around

walkways)
Indian Magic
Indian Summer
Pink Spire
Red Barron

Red Jade Spring Snow

Prunus virginiana 'Canada Red'

Canada Red Chokecherry

Syringa reticulate

Japanese Tree Lilac

Viburnum lentago

Nannyberry Viburnum

Approved Evergreen Trees

**Botanical Name** 

Common Name

Picea pungens

Colorado Spruce

Pinus aristata

Bristle Cone Pine

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Pinus cembroides Pinus contorta Pinus flexilis Pinus nigra Pinus ponderosa Pinus sylvestris Pinyon Pine Lodgepole Pine Limber Pine Austrian Pine Ponderosa Pine

Scotch Pine (Ord. 4072, 2012)

# 25-3-23 General requirements

(1) Accessory buildings. Accessory buildings, regardless of the direction they face, may not project beyond the rear of the main building. Accessory structures under two hundred square feet

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1	Planning Commission Minutes Regular Scheduled Meeting
2	June 9, 2014
4	Scottsbluff, Nebraska
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6	The Planning Commission of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska met in a regular scheduled meeting on
7	Monday, June 9, 2014, 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff,
8	Nebraska. A notice of the meeting had been published in the Star-Herald, a newspaper of general
9	circulation in the City, on June 6, 2014. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the
10	meeting would be open to the public, that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to
11	attend the Planning Commission meeting should contact the Development Services Department, and that
12	an agenda of the meeting kept continuously current was available for public inspection at Development
13	Services Department office; provided, the City Planning Commission could modify the agenda at the
14	meeting if the business was determined that an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been delivered to each Planning Commission member. An agenda kept
15	copy of the agenda, also had been delivered to each Franking Commission inclined. All agenda kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the Development Services
16	Department at all times from publication to the time of the meeting.
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19	ITEM 1: Chairman, Becky Estrada called the meeting to order. Roll call consisted of the following
20	members: Anita Chadwick, Callan Wayman, Angie Aguallo, Jim Zitterkopf, and Becky Estrada.
21	Absent: Henry Huber, Dana Weber, Dave Gompert, and Mark Westphal. City officials present: Annie
22	Urdiales, Planning Administrator, Annie Folck, City Planner, and Gary Batt, Code Administrator II.
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24	ITEM 2: Chairman Estrada informed all those present of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and that a
25	copy of such is posted on the bulletin board in the back area of the City Council Chamber, for those
26	interested parties.
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28 29	ITEM 3: Acknowledgment of any changes in the agenda: None.
30	ITEM 4: Business not on agenda: None
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32	ITEM 5: Citizens with items not scheduled on regular agenda: None
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34	ITEM 6: The minutes of May 12, 2014 were reviewed and approved. A motion was made to accept the
35	minutes by Wayman, and seconded by Chadwick. "YEAS": Wayman, Aguallo, Chadwick, and Estrada
36	"NAYS": None. ABSTAIN: Zitterkopf. ABSENT: Weber, Westphal, Huber and Gompert. Motion
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39	ITEM 7A: The Planning Commission opened a public hearing for a request from property owners, Tim and Virginia Reganis, to vacate Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, Idlewylde Addition. These parcels are situated just
40	south of the Reganis Subdivision and north of Highway 26. The lots are zoned C-2 neighborhood retail
41 42	and commercial and basically unbuildable with different easements dividing the lots. The land will be
43	considered as unplatted lands until the owners replat possibly as part of Reganis Subdivision and may
44	consider the area for a green space or extra parking for their business.
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46	Conclusion: A motion was made by Wayman and seconded by Zitterkopf to make positive
47 48	recommendation to City Council to approve the ordinance to vacate Lots 1, and 2, Block 1, Idlewylde Addition. "YEAS": Wayman, Chadwick, Zitterkopf, Aguallo, and Estrada. "NAYS": None.

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49 ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Westphal, Huber, Weber and Gompert. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 7B: The Planning Commission opened a public hearing on a Final plat of Block 2, Reganis Subdivision situated in the SE quarter of the SW quarter of Section 13, T22N, R55W of the 6th Principal Meridian City of Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County, NE.

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55 The property owners, Tim and Virginia Reganis, represented by M.C. Schaff and Associates have submitted a final plat of Block 2, Reganis Subdivision. This lot is located north of 27th Street, west of 57 12th Avenue and south of Talisman Drive. Block 2 has been modified from the preliminary plat which 58 was recently approved with an addition of approximately .94 acres to the lot, which makes the parcel 3.38 acres in size. The City Council will approve this modification for approval of the final plat. The final 59 plat has access to existing infrastructure sewer on the south side and water to the west. The approval of 61 the final plat will allow for commercial development on the parcel. The developers are also working with WNCC in the creation of a Paving District for Winter Creek Drive and 12th Avenue the streets will be 62 completed before final occupancy of any building are completed. The final plat was reviewed by City Staff and Baker & Associates reviewed the preliminary plat. Adjustments were made to the plat and it meets all the subdivision codes and City standards of our subdivision code for final plats.

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NOTE: Planning Commission member David Gompert arrived at the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

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Conclusion: A motion was made by Aguallo and seconded by Wayman to approve the final plat of Block 2, Reganis Subdivision with the modification on the parcel size. "YEAS": Aguallo, Chadwick, Wayman, Zitterkopf, and Estrada. "NAYS": None. ABSTAIN: Gompert. ABSENT: Huber, Weber, and 71 Westphal. Motion carried. 72

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Item 7C: The Planning Commission reviewed a draft ordinance for proposed changes and additions to the City's Gateway Greenway Overlay zoning district (GGO).

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77 Annie Folck, City Planner, addressed the Planning Commission, about the proposed changes and 78 additions. A draft ordinance was included for review. Since we've had the GGO zoning district it has been a work in progress as new development in the overlay zone have different needs, when reviewing the landscape plan for the Reganis development some of the existing requirements didn't work and the City is looking for some flexibility in what is required for new development and redevelopment of existing parcels in the GGO zoning district (25-3-22.1). Listed below are the changes and additions Annie F. has worked on and researched.

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# Sections to amend: D. Parking Lot Design

86 87 -Reference our requirement in landscaping ordinance of interior landscaped area equal to no less than five percent of the total paving area

88 89 -Require each island to have a minimum of 100 square feet of open ground and at least 300 cubic feet of good soil rooting volume per tree.

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-Landscaped islands shall be evenly distributed to the maximum extent feasible -One half of all required islands must include a large canopy tree

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-10' landscape strip is currently required- change to minimum of 10' landscape strip required

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-Shade trees to be planted at a rate of one per 40' of linear frontage or evergreen trees at a rate of one per 20' of linear frontage rather than requiring that they be spaced exactly 40' or 20' apart. Trees may be spaced irregularly in informal groupings or be uniformly spaced, as

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minimum of 15' apart for large shade trees and evergreens, and a minimum of 10' apart for 98 small ornamentals (list is provided). Groupings of trees may be no more than 150' apart. 99 -Currently requires intermittent hedge not less than 4' in height- change to reference screening 100 requirements in landscaping ordinance- 25-22-7 and 25-22-8 101 -Add requirement: The space between the trees should be planted and maintained to aid the 102 health/growth of the trees. Thus there must be a maintained, non-turf grass landscape bed 103 under and around the trees, to be a minimum of 40 sq. ft. per large canopy tree or evergreen 104 and 30 sq. ft. per small/medium tree. The landscape zone must be planted to appropriate and 105 compatible shrubs or herbaceous grasses/perennials to cover at least 50% of the bed. The 106 remainder may be mulch. Organic mulch should be used if possible.

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#### 109 Sections to add:

- 110 Water conservation
- 111 To the extent reasonably feasible, all landscape plans shall be designed to incorporate water
- 112 conservation materials and techniques in order to comply with each of the Xeriscape landscaping
- 113 principles listed below. Xeriscape landscaping principles do not include or allow artificial turf or plants,
- 114 mulched (including gravel) beds or areas without landscape plant material, paving of areas not required
- 115 for walkways, plazas or parking lots, bare ground, weed covered or infested surfaces or any landscaping
- 116 that does not comply with the standards of this section.

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- 122 high visibility and functional needs;
- 123 3. Low-Water-Using Plants. Choose low-water-demanding plants and turf where practicable;
- 4. Irrigation. Design, operate and maintain an efficient irrigation system;
- 125 5. Soil Preparation. Incorporate soil amendments before planting;
- 126 6. Mulch. Add mulch to planting beds to a minimum depth of three (3) inches around trees and shrubs
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- 128 7. Maintenance. Provide regular and attentive maintenance.

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140 Use of Approved Species

#### ORDINANCE NO. 4072

AN ORDINANCE DEALING WITH ZONING, REMOVING PROVISIONS DEALING WITH DEVELOPMENT ACTION IN GGO ZONES; ALLOWING ONE 25' POLE SIGN IN GGO NEW CONSTRUCTION/DEVELOPMENT; CORRECTING A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR FOUND IN THE PERFORMANCE GUIDELINES OF R-1, R-1A, R-1B, R-6 AND A ZONES; ADDING AGRICULTURAL ESTATE DWELLINGS AS A PERMITTED USE IN A -AGRICULTURAL ZONE; ADDING HEIGHT SPECIFICATIONS TO COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN O&P AND PBC ZONES; CORRECTING A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN SPECIAL PERMITTED USES IN O&P ZONES; CHANGING THE DEFINITION OF MOBILE HOMES; EXCLUDING MOBILE HOME PARKS FROM GUIDELINES DEALING WITH MANUFACTURED HOMES; ADDING GUIDELINES FOR REAR AREA FENCES, WALLS AND HEDGES; ADDING REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROVISIONS FOR LOTS UNABLE TO MEET MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR LANDSCAPING; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPEALING PRIOR SECTIONS.

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Section 25-3-2 of the Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

## 25-3-2. R-1 Single Family.

Intent: The intent of the R-1 Single Family Zone is to:

- Provide for low density residential areas where the predominant uses are single family detached houses.
- Protect these areas from incompatible uses. 2.

## Principle Permitted Uses.

- Church
- 2. Colleges
- Community Center 3.
- Family child care home 4.
- Fire station 5.
- Home Occupations in accordance with Article 8 6.
- Municipal Uses 7.
- Parks (public) including campgrounds 8.
- Public utility lines & substations 9.
- Rooming/boarding house with no more than two (2) guests 10.
- Single family detached dwelling units 11.
- School 12.
- Water wells 13.

## Special Permit Uses.

- Cemeteries
- Cluster housing 2.
- College dormitories 3.
- Condominium 4.
- Hospital 5.
- Library 6.
- Public utility facilities 7.
- Temporary building or contractor's storage and construction yard, incidental to the construction of a residential development or a real estate sales office to be used in marketing lots in a new 8. subdivision, may be permitted if such a building or structure complies with all height and area requirements for the zone in which it is located.
- Townhouses (single family attached) dwelling units 9.
- Two-family dwellings 10.
- Utility plants 11.
- Water storage 12.

## Performance Standards.

1. Area & bulk regulations.

Use	Minimum Lot Size (sq ft )	Maninum Lot Width (ft.)		Maximum # Dwelling Units	Front (ft.)	Rear (ft)	Setbacks Interior Side (fl <sub>1</sub> )	Side Street (ft )	Floor Area Min (sq.ft.)	(fi_)
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- 13. Public utilities and substations
- 14. Two family dwellings
- 15. Water wells

#### Special Permit Uses.

- Cluster housing
- 2. Condominium
- 3. Funeral home
- 4. Hair salons
- 5. Hospital
- 6. Library
- 7. Lodge or club
- 8. Nursery school or day care center
- 9. Public utility facilities
- 10. Retirement facilities
- 11. Rooming or boarding house for not more than six (6) roomers or boarders.
- Temporary building or contractor's storage and construction yard, incidental to the construction of a residential development or a real estate sales office to be used in marketing lots in a new subdivision, may be permitted if such a building or structure complies with all height and area requirements for the zone in which it is located.
- 13. Tourist information booths
- 14. Townhouses (single family attached) dwelling units
- 15. Utility plants
- 16. Water storage
- 17. Retirement facilities

#### Performance Standards.

1. Area & bulk regulations.

Use	Minimum	Minimum	Maximum	Maximum #			Setbacks		Floor	
	Lot Size	Lot Width	Coverage	Dwelling Units	Front	Rear	Interior Side	Side Street	Area Min	Height
	(sq ft.)	(fl.,)	(%)		(fl.)	(ft.)	(ft,)	(ft.)	(sq ft.)	(ft.)
Single										
Family	5,500	55	60	1	A	В	5	C	700	35
Two Family	7,000	70	50	2	25	15	5	12.5	600/DU	35
Multi										
Family	7,000	70	50		25	25	5	12.5	400/DU	35
	(Minimum	2500 sq. ft. p	er dwelling u	mit)						
Accessory I	Building					3	2	C	900	1 story
Garage						3	2	C	900	18

A. Minimum front yard setback to front facing garage shall be twenty (20) feet; to front of dwelling face shall be twelve (12) feet; to front of porch shall be seven (7) feet. If buildings have been built on lots which comprise more than twenty-five (25) percent of the front footage of any block, no building or structure may be built or structurally altered which projects beyond the average front yard setback already established.

If the only building is one on an adjoining lot, the minimum front yard setback shall be the greater of twenty (20) feet or the setback of such building.

If buildings have been built on lots which comprise twenty-five (25) or less percent of the front footage of any block, the minimum front yard setback shall be twenty (20) feet.

No front yard setback shall exceed fifty (50) feet.

- B. Minimum rear yard setback to the dwelling shall be fifteen (15) feet. Minimum rear yard setback to a deck shall be ten (10) feet.
- C. Minimum side yard setback from a side street shall be twelve and one-half (12.5) feet. Minimum side yard setback from a side street for a side-loading garage shall be twenty (20) feet.
- 2. Accessory building; detached
  - A. A detached accessory building must be located:
    - (1) to the rear of the main building,
    - (2) at least ten (10) feet from the main building, or a distance of at least five (5) feet from the main dwelling building if the interior wall of the accessory building adjacent to the main building complies with the international 1&2 Family Dwelling Code Section 309.2, which has been adopted by this Municipal Code, provided a detached accessory building constructed prior to June 26, 1974, to the rear of and at a distance not less than five (5) feet from the main building shall not be deemed to be in violation of this requirement;
    - (3) at least three (3) feet from the rear lot line if the lot line is a common lot line abutting a lot;

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Single Family 3 acres Accessory Building Garage	200	30	Ü	50	50 3 3	20 2 2	15 15 15	900 900 900	l story 25

- Accessory building; detached 2\_
  - A detached accessory building must be located:
    - to the rear of the main building,
    - at least ten (10) feet from the main building, or a distance of at least five (5) feet from the main dwelling building if the interior wall of the accessory building (2)adjacent to the main building complies with the international 1&2 Family Dwelling Code Section 309.2, which has been adopted by this Municipal Code, provided a detached accessory building constructed prior to June 26, 1974, to the rear of and at a distance not less than five (5) feet from the main building shall not be deemed to be in violation of this requirement;
    - at least three (3) feet from the rear lot line if the lot line is a common lot line (3)
    - at least two (2) feet from the interior side lot line; provided, this requirement shall not apply where the interior side lot lines is over which the main building (4) extends. If the lot abuts a side street, an accessory building must comply with the setback requirements applicable to the lot or tract of land upon which the main building is located. Setbacks shall be measured from the nearest eve of the building or buildings; and
    - Minimum rear yard setback to a garage with an alley entrance shall be five (5) (5)
    - On an existing reversed corner lot, a detached accessory building or garage may project into the side yard nearest the rear lot line if it does not extend beyond the front yard В. setback of the main structure, and if entrance to the garage is from the side street the garage must be set back from the side street property line a distance of not less than twenty (20) feet.
    - A detached garage may be located in the side yard if the following requirements are met: C.
      - The garage must meet the performance guidelines in the residential zone.
      - The garage must observe the same front yard setbacks required for the (1) (2)main structure.
      - Garages shall not be placed over easements. (3)
      - Lot coverage will meet requirements in the zoning district. (4)

Section 4. Section 25-3-9 of the Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

## 25-3-9. R-6 Mobile Home.

Intent: The intent of an R-6 mobile home district is to:

- Allow mobile homes outside a mobile home park. 1.
- Allow the mix of single family detached dwellings. 2.
- Require greater lot sizes than mobile home parks.
- Allow a mix of uses other than residential uses which are compatible with the district. 3. 4.

## Principle Permitted Uses.

- Church 1
- Community Center 2.
- Family child care home 3.
- Home occupation 4.
- Mobile homes 5.
- Municipal Uses 6.
- Rooming/Boarding house (not more than 2 quests) 7.
- School 8.
- Single family detached dwelling 9.
- Cluster housing, condominiums and townhouses provided all planned unit development Special Permit Uses. standards are met pursuant to Article 7 and the density does not exceed the density level permitted in the zoning district in which the planned unit development is proposed to be located.
- Mobile home parks with the following performance standards. 2.
- 3.
- Nursery school or day care center. Temporary building or contractor's storage and construction yard, incidental to the construction of a residential development or a real estate sales office to be used in marketing lots in a new 4.

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Section 5. Section 25-2-80 of the Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

## 25-2-80. Mobile home.

A movable or portable dwelling which:

- is not less than eight (8) feet in width, (1)
- is not less than forty (40) feet in length,
- is so constructed as to be towable on its own chassis, and to function without a permanent (2)(3) foundation,
  - can be connected to utilities, and
  - has kitchen and sanitary facilities.

A mobile home may consist of one (1) or more units which can be telescoped when being towed and later expanded to create additional capacity, or it may consist of two (2) or more units which can be towed separately but are designed to be joined into an integral unit. A dwelling so constructed shall be deemed to be a mobile home whether or not mounted upon a temporary or a permanent foundation. Mobile homes must meet HUD standards.

Section 6. Section 25-3-11 of the Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

## 25-3-11. O-P Office and Professional.

Intent: The intent of an O-P office and professional zone is to:

Allow for a mixture of professional office and some residential occupancies with limited other compatible commercial uses.

## Principle Permitted Uses.

- Accounting, auditing, bookkeeping services 1.
- Arts & crafts studio 2.
- Bank automated teller facilities, indoor 3.
- Bank & Saving & Loan 4.
- Barber/Beauty shop 5.
- Church 6.
- 7.
- Communication facilities including communication tower, such tower not to exceed one hundred fifty (150) feet in height. No guy wires, outrigging, or other supporting structures may extend 8. beyond the foundation of the tower.
- Community Center 9.
- Educational or charitable institutions & educational or scientific research services 10.
- Florist 11.
- Gift shop 12.
- Home Occupations 13.
- Hospital 14.
- Insurance agency/services 15.
- Laboratory, medical, dental, optical 16.
- Library 17.
- Marriage and family counseling 18.
- 19.
- Multi-family dwellings. Whenever a lot or tract of land is used in whole or part for residential purposes, preliminary and final site plans of a proposed development must be submitted to the 20. Planning Commission for review and approval.
- Municipal Uses 21.
- Offices, professional services 22.
- Pharmacy 23.
- Professional membership organizations 24.
- Professional schools 25.
- Rooming/boarding house 26.
- 27.
- Single family dwelling. Whenever a lot or tract of land is used in whole or part for residential purposes, preliminary and final site plans of a proposed development must be submitted to the 28. Planning Commission for review and approval.
- Tourist information booth 29.
- Two family dwelling 30.

## Special Permit Uses.

- Animal clinic (indoor only): Residential use is permitted above the ground floor and within the 1. confines of a business building. The entire business must be conducted within a building. 2.

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Coordinate a vehicular and pedestrian traffic circulation system and carefully design access that is compatible with surrounding uses.

## Principle Permitted Uses.

- Accounting, auditing, bookkeeping services 1.
- Ambulance service 2.
- Amusement centers, indoor only 3.
- Animal clinic, indoor only 4.
- Arts & crafts studio 5.
- Automated or coin-operated car wash 6.
- Bakery or bakery goods store 7.
- Bank automated teller facilities, outdoor 8.
- Bank automated teller facilities, indoor 9.
- Bank & savings & loan 10.
- Barber, beauty shop 11.
- Book & stationary store 12.
- Business college, trade school 13.
- Church 14.
- Cleaning, laundry agency 15.
- 16.
- Communication facilities including communication tower, such tower not to exceed one hundred fifty (150) feet in height. No guy wires, outrigging, or other supporting structures may extend 17. beyond the foundation of the tower.
- Community center (public) 18.
- Confectionery stores 19.
- Convenience stores w/o dispensing gasoline 20.
- Convenience stores with dispensing gasoline 21.
- Dance, music or voice studio 22.
- Day care center (child care center) or preschool 23.
- Delicatessen 24.
- Drive-thru photo facility 25.
- Drive-thru (fast food) restaurant 26.
- Educational and scientific research service 27.
- 28.
- Food store, delicatessen 29
- Furniture/appliance store 30.
- Gift shop 31.
- Grocery store 32.
- Hardware store 33.
- Hospital 34.
- Insurance agency/services 35.
- Jewelry store 36.
- Laboratory, medical, dental, optical 37.
- Laundromat, self-service 38.
- 39. Library
- Marriage and family counseling 40.
- 41
- Multi-family dwelling units. Living quarters for watchman of commercial or industrial use property, or for hotels and motels, are the only permitted residential uses in this zone. 42.
- Municipal Uses 43.
- Offices, professional and service 44.
- Pharmacy 45.
- Photographic studio 46.
- Printing & blueprinting 47.
- Professional membership organizations 48.
- Professional schools 49.
- Reducing/Suntanning 50.
- Restaurant, bar, tavern 51.
- Retail stores and services 52.
- Service station-full service 53.
- Service station-mixed use 54.
- Single family dwelling units. Living quarters for watchman of commercial or industrial use property, or for hotels and motels, are the only permitted residential uses in this zone. 55.

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A center may be located only in a PBC Zone established in accordance with this Article, and only on a lot or tract of land abutting one (1) or more arterial streets.

#### Off-street parking.

Adequate off-street parking must be provided in a center to accommodate all motor vehicles of employees, customers, and other persons reasonably expected to use the center, and for vehicles used in the conduct of businesses in the center. At least one (1) parking space must be provided for each two hundred (200) square feet of floor area used for selling or offices. Areas designed primarily for loading and unloading or standing space are not parking spaces within the meaning of this section. Floor area designed for selling or office may not include areas used for storage, utilities or restrooms. Parking spaces and areas must meet the requirements of Chapter 25, Article 5.

#### Setbacks.

No building or structure may be constructed or maintained in a center within one hundred (100) feet of the boundary line of an abutting lot or tract of land located in an R Zone nor within twenty-five (25) feet of the right-of-way of a public street or road. No roadway or parking area in a center may be constructed or maintained within twenty-five (25) feet of the right-of-way line.

#### Storage: outdoor; restrictions.

Merchandise, materials or equipment may not be stored in an open area except for immediate sale or temporary display not exceeding seven (7) days.(Ord. 3639, 2000; Ord. 3985, 2009)

Section 8. Section 25-3-19 of the Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

#### 25-3-19. Agricultural.

Intent: The intent of an A agricultural zone is a zone in which land is permitted to be used for raising of crops and pasturing cattle and related activities.

#### Principle Permitted Uses.

- 1. Agriculture uses, general
- 2. Home Occupations
- 3. Irrigation facilities
- 4. Kennel, dog
- 5. Municipal Uses
- 6. Public utility facilities
- 7. Single family dwelling
- 8. Stable
- 9. Tourist information booth
- 10. Agricultural Estate Dwelling Site.

The intent of this subsection is not to encourage the creation of a large number of agricultural estate dwelling sites (AEDS) but such intent is to allow the "subdivision" or sale, of a portion of a larger tract of land, whereby the smaller parcel created is to be used primarily for dwelling site purposes, upon the following more specific requirements:

- a. The AEDS must consist of one or more of the following: (1) An existing farmstead site (an existing vacant home, and accessory unit of buildings, on farm-ranch land; (2) a parcel which would allow a conveyance of property to be used for dwelling purposes; (3) a parcel of marginal usage land ("marginal usage" defined as "land with little, or relatively little, agricultural productivity capability").
- b. Each AEDS with frontage on an existing dedicated public road, shall have a minimum width of 150 feet (as a "front lot" width). In the event such AEDS is of an interior-section type, it shall have a dedicated access road, as least 25 feet in width, to a dedicated public road. Access road(s) serving an AEDS shall be separated by a distance of no less than 1000 feet from another access road, along a dedicated public road. Exception: Less than 1000 feet shall be approved by the State Department of Roads or City of Scottsbluff Development Services Department, whichever is applicable.
  - c. Each AEDS shall be a minimum of 2.0 acres and a maximum of 20.
- d. For each AEDS, the owner shall reserve the balance of the 80 acres of vacant or agricultural land (such 80 acres may, however, have dwelling permitted by 10.a. above). This reservation shall be required (reserved) for as long as the reserved land is zoned Agricultural (A) District. The City Planning Commission and the City Council may permit the creation of an AEDS out of less than 80 acres of reserved land, in certain situations, in the event that the intent of this subsection is maintained. Each 80-acre tract (or less) shall serve the reservation requirements of only one AEDS.
- e. Each AEDS shall be shaped and located so as to allow accurate plotting on the official zoning map of the city (i.e.: abutting on lines identifiable as a segment of section, such as a section line or a 1/4 section line, or upon other readily identifiable features). Additionally, each AEDS shall be subject to the provisions for preliminary plat procedure and requirements from Chapter 21 of the Municipal Code.
- f. In reviewing an application for an AEDS, the Planning Commission and the City Council shall take into consideration the effect of such an AEDS upon utilities, roads, drainage, terrain, usage,

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Garage

Minimum Lot Area / Dwelling Unit - 20 acres

2. Accessory building/garage; detached

A. A detached accessory building must be located at least ten (10) feet from the main building

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- B. On an existing reversed corner lot, a detached accessory building or garage may project into the side yard nearest the rear lot line if it does not extend beyond the front yard setback of the main structure, and if entrance to the garage is from the side street the garage must be set back from the side street property line a distance of not less than twenty (20) feet.
- 3. Accessory building, attached.
  - a. A building which if detached from the main building would constitute an accessory building may be connected to the main building by a breezeway or similar structure, and in such event shall meet all requirements for the main building.

Section 9. Section 25-3-22.1 of the Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

#### 25-3-22.1. Gateway Green Overlay Zone (GGO).

#### Purpose.

The Gateway Green Overlay (GGO) Zone is intended to:

- A. Promote the general health, safety and welfare of the community
- B. Create a sense of continuity throughout the corridor with harmonious design standards for public improvements and private property development.
- C. Preserve and enhance the historical attractions and landmarks of Scottsbluff and the surrounding

#### **Design Guidelines**

The GGO Zone is an overlay zone that supersedes those of any other zoning district to which a tract of land may be subject. All new development and redevelopment must conform to the design guidelines. All plans shall be reviewed and approved for design, landscaping and architectural detail and compatibility. No design plans that have been approved by the Planning Commission may be altered without approval of the planning commission.

#### Boundaries

The GGO Zone shall consist of all land located within one thousand feet measured perpendicular from the right-of-way of the following transportation corridors:

- A. U.S. Highway 26, extending from the East Extraterritorial Boundary to the West Extraterritorial Boundary
- B. Highland Road, extending from the intersection with Airport Road to the intersection with U.S. Highway 26
- C. McClellan Expressway (East Bypass Highway 71) from the North Platte River to its intersection with U.S. Highway 26,
- D. Broadway Avenue from the North Platte River to its intersection with South Beltline Highway
- E. Avenue I from the North Platte River to its intersection with South Beltline Highway
- F. Highway 71 from the intersection with Highway 26 to the north Extraterritorial Boundary
- G. Highway L-79-G (West 20<sup>th</sup> Street extended) from the west Extraterritorial boundary to the West corporate limits of the city.

#### **Development Action**

There shall be no development action within the GGO Zone without permission of the Planning Commission. Any person or entity desiring a development action within the GGO Zone must submit plans to the Planning Commission for review and approval.

#### **Development Standards**

The development standards were formulated to create a visually pleasing GGO Zone and to convey the values of the City of Scottsbluff.

- A. Signs
  - 1. Monument Signs One ground sign, monument type with a maximum height of 6'shall be permitted on each lot. Total area of sign not to exceed 250 square feet. Sign structure materials shall be comparable with materials used on the facade of the principal building.
  - 2. Wall Signs and Marquee Signs One wall sign or marquee sign shall be permitted for each building or tenant in multi-tenant building. Signs shall only be permitted on the side of building with main public entrance.
  - 3. One 25' pole sign will be allowed in the GGO zone per development.
- B. Lighting

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evergreen shrubs at least 3' in height, planted a maximum of 4' on center ma accompany the fence.

- 3. Maintenance of Buffer Yard
  - a. The buffer yard shall be maintained so as to provide an effective visual screen. If plant material shall die or be removed such that the buffer yard no longer functions, the plant material shall be replaced by the property owner.
- 4. Landscaping
  - a. Building Perimeter Walls
    - 1. Shrubs shall be planted within 10' of the foundation of the primary structure along each building facade at the rate of at least 20 shrubs per 100 linear feet of building facade except for sides or rear of building used for loading or service area.
  - b. Along each street frontage there shall be a 10' wide landscape strip, continuous along the frontage except for the perpendicular crossings for driveways and utilities. The landscape strip shall be planted with shade trees planted not less than 40' on center or evergreen trees no

less than 20' on center and shrubbery forming an intermittent hedge not less than 4' in height designed to provide an adequate screen. Where overhead wires exist directly over tree planting area, ornamental trees shall

be substituted for required shade trees at an equal number.

- c. Plant material, wall or fencing in any required landscaped area shall not obstruct the view from the off street parking facility to any driveway approach, street, alley or sidewalk. Landscaping shall further not obstruct any views among parking spaces and circulation ways, or visibility between vehicles and pedestrians.
- d. Storm water retention ponds shall be landscaped and developed in such a way as to enhance or be in harmony with the surrounding site landscape.
  - 1. Retention basins should be "free form" following the natural contours of the land. If land lacks contour, the basins shall be created to look like a natural depression. Side slopes should vary to give the appearance of a natural condition.
  - 2. Trees and shrub groupings shall be planted intermittently along the ridge of the retention pond to create the appearance of the plants naturally occurring.
  - 3. Approved erosion control measures will be required on all slopes.
    - a. Use of Inorganic landscape materials is prohibited. No artificial trees, shrubs, plants or turf shall be used to fulfill the minimum requirements for landscaping. Inorganic materials such as stone or decorative pavers, may be used provided that such material does not compromise more than twenty-five percent of the minimum required landscaped area. When calculating the area to determine how much inorganic material may be used, the area of driveways and walkways shall not be counted. Loose rock and cobblestones shall not be permitted within any required landscaped area which is within 10' of a traveled street surface.
    - b. Underground irrigation shall be provided for all required landscaped areas. Areas of low water use landscaping may be included but must be indicated on plans. Irrigation water must be available for the initial two years after planting to establish lowwater use landscapes.
    - c. All landscaped beds are to mulched with a 4" layer of wood mulch or rock mulch.
    - d. Minimum Tree and Shrub Sizes
      - 1. All deciduous shade trees shall be a minimum 2" caliper measured 12" from above the root ball.
      - 2. All evergreen trees shall be a minimum 5' in height measured from the top of the root ball to the top of the tree.
      - 3. All ornamental deciduous trees shall be a minimum 1½" caliper measured 12" from above the root ball.
      - 4. Shrubs shall be two gallon size or greater or 18"-24" in height if balled and burlapped.

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#### **Approved Evergreen Trees**

Botanical Name Common Name Picea pungens Colorado Spruce Pinus aristata Bristle Cone Pine Pinus cembroides Pinyon Pine Pinus contorta Lodgepole Pine Pinus flexilis Limber Pine Pinus nigra Austrian Pine Pinus ponderosa Ponderosa Pine Pinus sylvestris Scotch Pine

Section 10. Section 25-3-25 of the Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows: 25-3-25. Miscellaneous regulations.

No provisions of this section, except sections 25-3-22 (1) and 25-3-22 (2) are applicable to a PBC Zone. Any provisions in the aforementioned sections which conflict with any of the provisions of Article 13 shall, to the extent of the conflict, constitute exceptions to and modify the conflicting provisions of such Article.

- (1) <u>Basement garages: grade.</u> No basement garage may be constructed with a front entrance below the established grade nor may such an entrance be constructed in an existing building or structure, unless proper drainage, as determined by the development Services Director, is provided.
- (2) <u>Buildings, structure; design: construction.</u> No building or structure may be erected or structurally altered unless its architectural design and construction conforms to applicable provisions of this Chapter insofar as such conformity may be accomplished without unreasonable hardship or substantial interference with the lawful intended use of such building or structure.
- (3) <u>Dwelling unit; inside entrance.</u> Rooms within a dwelling unit must have their principal entrance from inside the dwelling unit.
- (4) <u>Grades: flood requirements.</u> No building may be built, rented, or occupied which is located on a lot or other tract of land that does not comply with all lawful grade requirements for flood purposes.
- (5) Ground cover, surfacing. Front yard and side yard setback areas may be landscaped and maintained with low ground cover, except in the case of an approved offstreet parking area. Asphaltic concrete, masonry, rock, gravel or other forms of artificial surfacing may not be used as a principal ground cover.
- (6) <u>Manufactured Homes.</u>
  - A manufactured home shall be located and installed according to the same standards for foundation system, permanent utility connections, setback, and minimum square footage which would apply to a site-built, single-family dwelling on the same lot.
  - b. Manufactured homes shall meet the following standards:
    - 1. The home shall have no less than nine hundred square feet of floor area;
    - 2. The home shall have no less than an eighteen-foot exterior width;
    - 3. The roof shall be pitched with a minimum vertical rise of two and one-half inches for each twelve inches of horizontal run;
    - 4. The exterior material shall be of a color, material, and scale comparable with those existing in residential site-built, single-family construction.
    - 5. The home shall have a nonreflective roof material which is or simulates asphalt or wood shingles, tile, or rock; and
    - 6. The home shall have wheels, axles, transporting lights, and removable towing apparatus removed.

Mobile Home Parks shall be excluded from these guidelines. All manufactured (mobile) homes shall meet the standards set forth in the HUD - Manufactured Housing & Standards or Verification of HUD Standard Upgrades.

- (7) <u>Multiple unit buildings: exits.</u> Each dwelling unit in a multiple unit residence building, or in a multiple use building, shall have a front and rear exit, or an exit to a corridor on the same level which has a front and rear exit.
- (8) Public storage garages: location. No public garage used only for storing motor vehicles may have either a motor vehicle entrance or exit which is within two hundred (200) feet of an entrance or exit of any existing public or private school playground, public library, church, hospital, children's or old people's home, or a similar public or private institution. No public or private school playground, public library, church, hospital, children's or old people's home, or a similar public or private institution may be built within two hundred (200) feet of either the motor vehicle entrance or exit to a public garage used for storing motor vehicles.
- (9) Public street; abut; necessity. No building or structure shall be so constructed on a lot or tract of land which does not abut on a public street for a distance of at least twenty (20) feet.

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# SCOTTSBLUFF CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, December 12, 2011, 6:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room, 2525 Circle Drive

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS

1. WELCOME TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Chairman

GLEN VANDENBERGE CHAIRMAN

Jackie Greenman Vice Chairman 2. NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT: For all interested parties, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on a bulletin board at the back of the council chambers in the west corner.

ANGIE AGUALLO

3. ROLL CALL:

BECKY ESTRADA

Dana Weber

HENRY HUBER

DAN RAMSEY

GARY HUTZEL

JIM ZITTERKOPF

(ALT.) ANTTA CHADWICK

- 4. NOTICE OF CHANGES IN THE AGENDA: Additions may not be made to this agenda less than 24-hours prior to the beginning of the meeting unless added under item 5 of this agenda.
- CITIZENS WITH ITEMS NOT SCHEDULED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA: As
  required by State Law, no item may be considered under this item unless the Planning
  Commission determines that the matter requires an emergency action.
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FROM: 11/14/11.
- 7. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Rezone request: Pt SW (N of Bypass) Tract in NE NW, 30-22-54 (15.52 acres) from Agricultural to M-1 Light Manufacturing & Industrial Applicant(s): TranSystems Corporation (Mike Pollard)
    Owner(s): Inland Truck Parts Company (Greg Klein, CFO)
    Location: East of Hwy 26, just south of Heilbruns
  - VB. Final Plat: Lot 7A, Block 1, Clemens-Reinhardt Subdivision, replat of Lots 7 & 8, Block 1, Clemens-Reinhardt Subdivision & Part of abutting alley.
    Applicant(s): M.C. Schaff & Associates
    Owner(s): Aldo & Donna Gonzales
    Location: Revise plat to adjust property lines and alley right of way
  - C. Proposed Text Changes: GG Overlay Zone, Landscape, and Sign Code

Applicant(s): N/A Owner(s): N/A Location: N/A

- 8. Unfinished Business: None
- 9. ADJOURN

The public is invited to participate in all Planning Commission Meetings. If you need special accommodations to participate in the meeting, please contact the Development Services Department at (308) 630-6243, 24-hours prior to the meeting.

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#### 25-3-22.1 - Gateway Greenway Overlay Zone:

When the GGO was first established we knew it was a work in progress and changes would have to be made. As we continue to work with requests for development in the overlay zone we have come across problems with a few of the requirements in this zone. Signage, plan review, and area of development are some we have dealt with recently.

I have listed a few things I noticed that we have not done according to our code. Would like to remove these items under Development Action, or add language-stating review by Planning Commission will be at the discretion of Development Services Department. Below I have noted examples.

**Development Action**: There shall be no development action within the GG-O zone without permission of the Planning Commission. Any person or entity desiring a development action within the GG-O zone must submit plan to the Planning Commission for review and approval. Development action means the following: **Would like to remove the following six items listed under development action.** 

- 1. New principal building. Maverik City Staff and public utilities reviewed Maverik's plans. The permit was issued without review/approval from the Planning Commission.
- 2. Expansion of a non-single family residential principal building by more than 2,000 sq. ft.
- 3. Development of five or more parking spaces. (Has not happened that I am aware of).
- 4. Construction of a sign, which requires a sign permit. (We have issued sign permits for Chili's & Maverik Maverik applied for and was approved for a variance)
- 5. Any grading, excavation, paving or earthwork of greater than 2,000 sq. ft. (this is all reviewed with our storm water permit by our storm water specialist, before any excavation begins).
- 6. Storage of equipment, machinery or materials, including outdoor manufacturing equipment. Staff reviews all building permit applications in the Gateway Greenway Zone, all departments are included in the review along with the City's Planning/Engineering Construction. Having the P.C. review these requests delays the beginning of the construction, because of public hearing requirements, and submittal and review before the p.c. which is thirty days before the meeting is held.

The GGO along with our Landscape ordinance has created a few lots, which are to small to build on because of requirements for separation in Commercial lots that abut residential zones. With a ten-foot landscape requirement in the front, buffer zones required for separation from the residential zones and parking requirements it does not leave much area for the building. We've had a few situations where a developer has shown interest and when informed of all the setback requirements along with parking requirements etc., decide against it and do not follow through. Possible language for this could be added stating that pre-existing commercial lots would be landscaped accordingly.

**Development Standards** - were formulated to create a visually pleasing GG-O Zone & to convey the values of the City of Scottsbluff.

A. Signs – would like to add #3. Pole Signs – one twenty-five foot (25') pole sign. This will allow one 25' pole sign in the Gateway Greenway Overlay zone. Currently there are several existing pole signs, which were put in place before the original 2005 and updated 2009 GG-O zone were approved. In driving the GG-O corridor the 25' pole signs are less intrusive that the taller signage and billboards in the GGO zoning areas.



# SCOTTSBLUFF CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, January 23, 2012, 6:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room, 2525 Circle Drive

Planning Commissioners

1. WELCOME TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Chairman

GLEN VANDENBERGE CHAIRMAN

JACKIE GREENMAN VICE CHAIRMAN 2. NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT: For all interested parties, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on a bulletin board at the back of the council chambers in the west corner.

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BECKY ESTRADA

Dana Weber

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DAN RAMSEY

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JIM ZITTERKOPF

(ALT.) ANITA CHADWICK

3. ROLL CALL:

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6. APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES FROM: 12/12/11.

#### 7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Hearing: 2012 One & Six Year Street Plan Applicant(s): City of Scottsbluff Public Works Dept.

Owner(s): N/A Location: N/A

B. Proposed Text Changes/additions/corrections: GG Overlay Zone (25-3-22.1), Landscape Ordinance (Chapter 25, Article 22), Agricultural (25-3-19), and Sign Code (Chapter 25, Article 6), miscellaneous corrections/changes

Applicant(s): N/A Owner(s): N/A Location: N/A

8. Unfinished Business: None

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Department of Roads for an access off of Highway 26. There is an existing access easement along
Highway 26. Inland Trucks would like to move it further to the north if at all possible, they have met
with the representatives from the Department of Roads and will know if the change will be allowed, if
not they will use the existing easement.

Conclusion: A motion was made by Huber and seconded by Hutzel to approve the zone change request for part of the NE corner of the NW ¼ of Section 30, T22N, R54W of the 6<sup>th</sup> p.m. (15.52 acres) to M-1 Light Manufacturing and Industrial. "YEAS": Zitterkopf, Estrada, Huber, Hutzel, Aguallo, Ramsey, Chadwick (alternate) and Vandenberge. "NAYS": None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Greenman and Weber. Motion carried

 **ITEM 7B:** The Planning Commission opened a public hearing on a final plat for property owners, Aldo and Donna Gonzales, represented by M.C. Schaff and Associates. The final plat is for Lot 7A, Block 1, Clemens-Reinhardt Subdivision a replat of Lots 7 and 8, Block 1, Clemens-Reinhardt Subdivision, and part of abutting alley, in the City of Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, situated in the NW ¼ of Section 14, T22N, R54W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. This lot is located on the south side of 36<sup>th</sup> Street, north of the Scottsbluff Drain and west of Aspen Drive. The existing lot 8 is irregular and too small; it also does not meet existing R-1A zoning guidelines. Combining lots 7 and 8, and moving the abutting alley to the west side of the new lot, will allow for a bigger lot which will allow for a nice residential home sometime in the future. The alley access will still be assessable to utility trucks.

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ITEM 7C: The Planning Commission opened a public hearing and continued discussion about proposed zoning code changes from their meeting of October 10<sup>th</sup>. Several areas were discussed starting with the Gateway Greenway Overlay zone, the landscaping ordinance, agricultural residential dwellings, & sign code ordinance.

**25-3-22.1** Gateway Greenway Overlay Zone was discussed under **Development Action** items one through six is reviewed by Staff and does not need to be reviewed by the Planning Commission. These items listed are reviewed by the Planning Commission during the preliminary plat process and bringing these items back for a second review delays the building process for the developer. The items listed below are what would be removed from the ordinance.

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Under **Development Standards** we would like to **add** under A. Signs - add a #3. Stating one 25' pole sign will be allowed in the GGO zone for new construction/development.

25-22-3 Landscaping ordinance; Applicability add the following:

#### ORDINANCE NO. \_3986

AN ORDINANCE DEALING WITH ZONING, SPECIFICALLY THE GATEWAY GREEN OVERLAY ZONE (GG-O), SUBSTANTIALLY REVISING CHAPTER 25, ARTICLE 3, PERTAINING TO THE GATEWAY GREEN OVERLAY ZONE PROVISIONS, AND REPEALING PRIOR SECTIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA:

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#### Development Standards

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- A. Signs
  - Monument Signs One ground sign, monument type with a maximum height of 6'shall be permitted on each lot. Total area of sign not to exceed 250 square feet. Sign structure materials shall be comparable with materials used on the facade of the principal building.
  - 2. Wall Signs and Marquee Signs One wall sign or marquee sign shall be permitted for each building or tenant in multi-tenant building. Signs shall only be permitted on the side of building with main public entrance.
- B. Lighting
  - 1. Lighting on private property shall be in harmony with poles and lanterns within specified corridors. Lights shall provide safe and efficient lighting and be without glare for pedestrians and motorists passing by. All lighting shall be designed to avoid intrusion on adjacent properties and adjacent roads.
- C. Overhead lines
  - Eliminate the need for power cables by burying cables underground.
- D. Parking Lot Design
  - All parking areas shall be paved to meet current ordinance requirements.
  - 2. All developments shall have off-street parking.
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  - 4. Parking areas should be placed between or behind buildings unless lot layout does not allow. If layout does not allow for parking between or behind buildings then conceptual parking design may be approved by the planning commission.
  - 5. All parking areas visible from the transportation corridors shall have a complete visual buffer of 4'minimum height.
  - Where parking lots abut adjacent residential zoned areas a buffer yard of 20' minimum is required.
- E. Landscaping and Screening Standards

Landscaping is critical in creating a visually pleasing appearance of the transportation corridors in the City of Scottsbluff. Landscape design and development shall be priority in the planning process. It is strongly encouraged that all design be based on xeriscape concepts. Drought tolerant turfgrasses, trees and shrubs will help to preserve our water resources. See appendix A for recommended species.

- 1. Screening
  - a. All loading and service areas that are within a 50' of a side or rear lot line abutting property that is residentially zoned shall be surrounded by a 6' high masonry wall or solid wood or PVC fence with opaque gate.
  - b. Waste receptacles, including dumpsters, garbage cans, or grease containers shall be located in the rear or side yard of lot and no more than 20' from residentially zoned areas. All waste receptacles shall be screened from view from all property lines and public areas of the site by a minimum 6' high evergreen planting, masonry wall, wood or PVC fence.

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- d. Ground or wall mounted mechanical equipment such as HVAC equipment, transformers, generators, and gangs of multiple utility meters shall be screened from adjacent streets, sidewalks, residential, public and institutional uses. Screening shall consist of evergreen planting masonry wall, wood or PVC fencing or other opaque enclosure around the equipment that is constructed of one of the permanent and durable materials used on the primary facade of the building. The height of the planting or fence shall be sufficient to effectively screen the equipment from view.
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- d. If a 6' high solid wood or PVC fence or masonry wall is incorporated into the design the buffer yard may be reduced by 10'. Finished side of fencing will face abutting property. A row of evergreen trees at least 6' in height, or a single row of deciduous shade trees 2" caliper trunk minimum and a staggered row of evergreen shrubs at least 3' in height, planted a maximum of 4' on center must accompany the fence.
- 3. Maintenance of Buffer Yard
  - a. The buffer yard shall be maintained so as to provide an effective visual screen. If plant material shall die or be removed such that the buffer yard no longer functions, the plant material shall be replaced by the property owner.
- 4. Landscaping
  - a. Building Perimeter Walls
    - Shrubs shall be planted within 10' of the foundation of the primary structure along each building facade at the rate of at least 20 shrubs per 100 linear feet of building facade except for sides or rear of building used for loading or service area.
  - b. Along each street frontage there shall be a 10' wide landscape strip, continuous along the frontage except for the perpendicular crossings for driveways and utilities. The landscape strip shall be planted with shade trees planted not less than 40' on center or evergreen trees no less than 20' on center and shrubbery forming an intermittent hedge not less than 4' in height designed to provide an adequate screen. Where overhead wires exist directly over tree planting area, ornamental trees shall

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- be substituted for required shade trees at an equal
- c. Plant material, wall or fencing in any required landscaped area shall not obstruct the view from the off street parking facility to any driveway approach, street, alley or sidewalk. Landscaping shall further not obstruct any views among parking spaces and circulation ways, or visibility between vehicles and pedestrians.
- d. Storm water retention ponds shall be landscaped and developed in such a way as to enhance or be in harmony with the surrounding site landscape.
- 1. Retention basins should be "free form" following the natural contours of the land. If land lacks contour, the basins shall be created to look like a natural depression. Side slopes should vary to give the appearance of a natural condition.
- 2. Trees and shrub groupings shall be planted intermittently along the ridge of the retention pond to create the appearance of the plants naturally occurring.
- 3. Approved erosion control measures will be required on all slopes.
  - a. Use of Inorganic landscape materials is prohibited. No artificial trees, shrubs, plants or turf shall be used to fulfill the minimum requirements for landscaping. Inorganic materials such as stone or decorative pavers, may be used provided that such material does not compromise more than twenty-five percent of the minimum required landscaped area. When calculating the area to determine how much inorganic material may be used, the area of driveways and walkways shall not be counted. Loose rock and cobblestones shall not be permitted within any required landscaped area which is within 10' of a traveled street surface.
  - b. Underground irrigation shall be provided for all required landscaped areas. Areas of low water use landscaping may be included but must be indicated on plans. Irrigation water must be available for the initial two years after planting to establish lowwater use landscapes.
  - c. All landscaped beds are to mulched with a 4" layer of wood mulch or rock mulch.
  - d. Minimum Tree and Shrub Sizes
    - All deciduous shade trees shall be a minimum 2" caliper measured 12" from above the root ball.
    - All evergreen trees shall be a minimum 5' in height measured from the top of the root ball to the top of the tree.
    - 3. All ornamental deciduous trees shall be a minimum 1½" caliper measured 12" from above the root ball.
    - 4. Shrubs shall be two gallon size or greater or 18"-24" in height if balled and burlapped.
    - All perennials and ornamental grasses shall be 1 gallon size or greater.
  - e. Upon installation of required landscape materials, each owner shall take appropriate actions to ensure their continued health and maintenance. Required landscaping that does not remain healthy shall be replaced consistently with this section and the approved landscaping plan for the project.
- F. Definitions
  - 1. Buffer Yard: A landscaped area intended to separate and partially obstruct the view of two (2) adjacent land uses or properties from on another.

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2. Gateway: An intersection designated as an entrance into the city or into the downtown area that is planned for additional design elements to "announce" the arrival to a special place.

3. Landscaped Area: The area within the boundaries of a given lot, site or common development consisting primarily of plant material, including but not limited to grass, trees, shrubs, vines, ground cover, and other organic plant materials; or grass paver masonry units installed such that the appearance of the area is primarily landscaped.

4. Storm Water Retention Ponds: Ponds or basins designed to hold rain water that has run off the surrounding landscape of lawns, roads, and rooftops.

5. Evergreen Planting: Dense planting of evergreen plant material that creates an opaque barrier.

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#### Appendix A

#### Approved Deciduous Shade Trees

Common Name Botanical Name Ohio Buckeye Aesculus glabra Common Hackberry Celtis occidentalis

Ginkgo biloba Ginkqo

Shademaster Honeylocust Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis

Skyline Honeylocust (Additional varieties must be

approved by Planning

Commission)

Kentucky Coffeetree Gymnocladus dioicus Eastern Cottonwood Populus deltoieds

(only on very large sites, may not be used for parking lot

plantings)

White Oak Quercus alba Bur Oak Quercus macrocarpa Chinkapin Oak Quercus muehlenbergii English Oak Quercus robur Tilia americana American Linden

Littleleaf Linden

Due to the Emerald Ash Borer destroying large quantities of Ash trees in the Eastern United States and it progressive movement west, Ash trees will be prohibited in GG-O Zones.

#### Approved Small Ornamental Trees

Botanical Name Common Name

Apple Serviceberry Amelanchier x grandiflora Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn Crataegus crusgalli x intermis

Crabapple varieties: Malus spp.

Bechtal

Brandywine (prohibited in parking areas and around

walkways) Indian Magic Indian Summer Pink Spire Red Barron Red Jade Spring Snow

Prunus virginiana 'Canada Red'

Syringa reticulate Viburnum lentago

Tilia cordata

Canada Red Chokecherry Japanese Tree Lilac Nannyberry Viburnum

#### Approved Evergreen Trees

Common Name Botanical Name Colorado Spruce Picea pungens Pinus aristata Bristle Cone Pine Pinyon Pine Pinus cembroides Lodgepole Pine Pinus contorta Limber Pine Pinus flexilis Austrian Pine Pinus nigra Ponderosa Pine Pinus ponderosa Scotch Pine Pinus sylvestris

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Section 2. Previously existing Section 25-3-22.1 of the Municipal Code and all other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed. Provided, this Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any rights, liabilities, duties or causes of action, either criminal or civil, existing or actions pending at the time when this Ordinance becomes effective.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on March 16 , 2009.

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

Deputy City Attorney

## CERTIFICATE OF PASSAGE

State of Nebraska )
County of Scotts Bluff ) §
City of Scottsbluff )

I, Cynthia A. Dickinson, City Clerk of the City of Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, hereby certify that the annexed Ordinance purporting to be Ordinance No. 3986 of said City was passed as such by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Scottsbluff, Scotts Buff County, Nebraska, pursuant to the rules and regulations prescribed by general law and by said City for the passage of Ordinances, and was duly approved by the Mayor of said City, passage and approval having been made on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009 with respect to said Ordinance aforesaid which said Ordinance No. 3986 has been published in pamphlet form by authority of the Mayor and Council of said City under direction of its duly constituted authorities pursuant to resolution of the Mayor and Council thereof with copies made available to the public on such date at the office of the City Clerk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto affixed my hand and the seal of the City of Scottsbluff, Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D., 2009.

chea () Duferson City Clerk

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

GENERAL NOTARY-State of Nebraska BONNIE OTTE My Comm. Exp. Nov. 22, 2009

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# SCOTTSBLUFF CITY PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

Monday, February 9, 2009, 6:00 p.m. City Council Chambers, 1818 Avenue A

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS 1. WELCOME TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING: Chairman

Dana Weber Chairman 2. NEBRASKA OPEN MEETINGS ACT: For all interested parties, a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted on a bulletin board at the back of the council chambers in the west corner.

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3. ROLL CALL:

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7. NEW BUSINESS

Public Hearings:

VA. Ordinance: Text Changes/Additions to GGO Zoning District

Applicant(s): N/A
Owner(s): N/A

Location: City Entry Corridors

B. Ordinance: Text Changes & Corrections - to Chapter 25 zoning code.

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# SCOTTSBLUFF CITY PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To:

Planning Commission

From:

Development Services Department

Date:

February 09, 2009

Subject:

Proposed Ordinance Text Changes Gateway

Greenway Overlay zone

#### **Procedure**

Open Public Hearing

- Overview of petition by city staff 2.
- Presentation by applicant 3.
- Solicitation of public comments 4.
- Questions from the Planning Commission 5.
- Close the Public Hearing
- Render a decision (recommendation to the City Council) 7.
- Public Process: City Council determine final approval

Public Notice: This item was noticed in the paper

Background

The City asked our Planning Consultants to work on the Gateway Greenway Overlay zones. The existing ordinance does not have specific requirements on what it wants in the entryways into the City.

Amy gieler is the landscaping consultant with M.C. Schaff and Associates; she researched other city requirements in their gateway areas. Amy reviews landscaping plans that come through the City office for commercial development and is aware of what will work in our City. With the information she researched and the existing ordinance she has come up with the attached proposed ordinance. It takes what we currently have in place along with some more definite guidelines listed under the development standards. The City Attorney and City Staff have reviewed these additions and are asking the Planning Commission for their thoughts on the proposed ordinance.

## RECOMMENDATION

Approve

Make a POSITIVE RECOMMENDATION to the City Council to approve the Gateway Greenway ordinance text changes with the following condition(s):

Deny

Make a NEGATIVE RECOMMENDATION to the City Council to disapprove the Gateway Greenway ordinance text changes with the following condition(s):

**Table** 

Make the motion to TABLE the Gateway Greenway Overlay Ordinance text changes with the following condition(s):

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## ARTICLE 1

25-3-22.1

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- b. Along each street frontage there shall be a 10' wide landscape strip, continuous along the frontage except for the perpendicular crossings for driveways and utilities. The landscape strip shall be planted with shade trees planted not less than 40' on center or evergreen trees no less than 20' on center and shrubbery forming an intermittent hedge not less than 4' in height designed to provide an adequate screen. Where overhead wires exist directly over tree planting area, ornamental trees shall be substituted for required shade trees at an equal
- c. Plant material, wall or fencing in any required landscaped area shall not obstruct the view from the off street parking facility to any driveway approach, street, alley or sidewalk. Landscaping shall further not obstruct any views among parking spaces and circulation ways, or visibility between vehicles and pedestrians.
- d. Storm water retention ponds shall be landscaped and developed in such a way as to enhance or be in harmony with the surrounding site landscape.
  - 1. Retention basins should be "free form" following the natural contours of the land. If land lacks contour, the basins shall be created to look like a natural depression. Side slopes should vary to give the appearance of a natural condition.

## Appendix A

# **Approved Deciduous Shade Trees**

Botanical Name

Aesculus glabra

Celtis occidentalis

Ginkgo biloba

Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis

Gymnocladus dioicus Populus deltoieds

Ouercus alba

Quercus macrocarpa Quercus muehlenbergii

Quercus robur Tilia americana Tilia cordata Common Name

Ohio Buckeye

Common Hackberry

Ginkgo

Shademaster Honeylocust

Skyline Honeylocust

(Additional varieties must be

approved by Planning Commission)

Kentucky Coffeetree Eastern Cottonwood

(only on very large sites, may not be

used for parking lot plantings)

White Oak Bur Oak

Chinkapin Oak

English Oak

American Linden

Littleleaf Linden

Due to the Emerald Ash Borer destroying large quantities of Ash trees in the Eastern United States and it progressive movement west, Ash trees will be prohibited in GG-O Zones.

# **Approved Small Ornamental Trees**

**Botanical Name** 

Amelanchier x grandiflora

Crataegus crusgalli x intermis

Malus spp.

Common Name

Apple Serviceberry

Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn

Crabapple varieties:

Bechtal

Brandywine (prohibited in

parking areas and around

walkways)

Indian Magic

Indian Summer

Pink Spire

Red Barron

Red Jade

Spring Snow

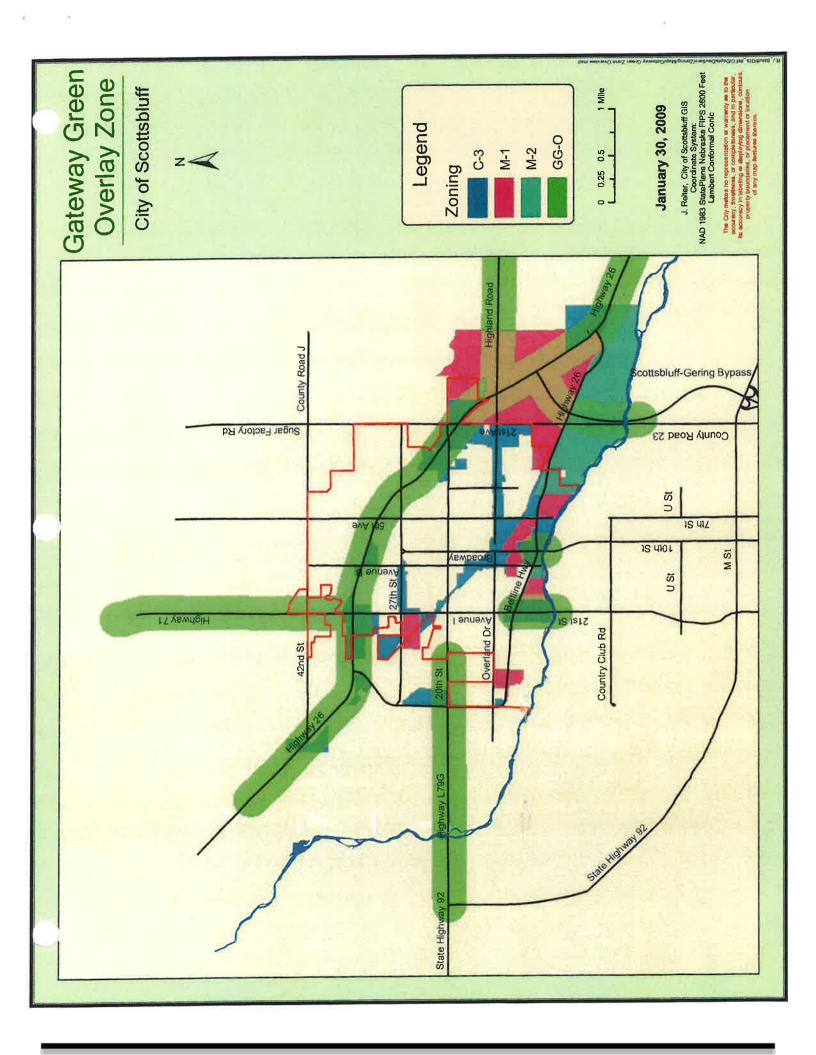
Canada Red Chokecherry

Japanese Tree Lilac

Nannyberry Viburnum

Prunus virginiana 'Canada Red'

Syringa reticulate Viburnum lentago



## Planning Commission Minutes Regular Scheduled Meeting February 9, 2009 Scottsbluff, Nebraska

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The Planning Commission of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska met in a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, February 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1818 Avenue A, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A notice of the meeting had been published in the Star-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, on January 30, 2009. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting would be open to the public, that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend the Planning Commission meeting should contact the Development Services Department, and that an agenda of the meeting kept continuously current was available for public inspection at Development Services Department office; provided, the City Planning Commission could modify the agenda at the meeting if the business was determined that an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been delivered to each Planning Commission member. An agenda kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the Development Services Department at all times from publication to the time of the meeting.

ITEM 1: Chairperson Dana Weber called the meeting to order. Roll call consisted of the following members: Jim Zitterkopf, Becky Estrada, Gary Hutzel, Francis Clarkson, Dan Ramsey, and Dana Weber. Absent: Henry Huber, Ron Winchell, and Glen Vandenberge. City officials present: Annie Urdiales, Planning Administrator and Gary Batt, Code Administrator II. The City's Planning/Engineering Consultant, Dave Schaff, and Amy Sieler were also present at the meeting.

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**ITEM 2**: Chairperson, Dana Weber informed all those present of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and that a copy of such is posted on a bulletin board at the back of the Council Chambers in the west corner, for those interested parties.

ITEM 3: Acknowledgment of any changes in the agenda: No changes.

ITEM 4: Business not on agenda: None.

ITEM 5: Citizens with items not scheduled on regular agenda: None

ITEM 6: The minutes of January 12, 2008 were distributed and approved as distributed. Motion by Clarkson, seconded by Zitterkopf. "YEAS": Estrada, Zitterkopf, Hutzel, Clarkson, & Weber. "NAYS": None. ABSTAIN: Ramsey. ABSENT: Winchell, Huber, & Vandenberge.

**ITEM 7A:** The Planning Commission opened a public hearing for a proposed ordinance text change for the Gateway Greenway Overlay zoning district.

The existing GGO (gateway greenway overlay) zoning district was established in November of 2005 by the Planning Commission. At that time the Planning Commission did not have any guidelines to follow and established some very simple guidelines. The thought was that as developers came to the planning commission for preliminary and final plat application in this overlay zone landscaping would be required using the landscape ordinance as a guideline with added requirements in the overlay zone. Since that time we have had a couple of big scale developments one on the east side of town (Menards) and one on the west side (Chili's). Both of these developers had questions in regards to the requirements in the GGO zone, as they were vague. The City's Planning Consultant reviewed landscape plans for both

\_09 Staff gave a brief review of the changes and corrections, which include the following: 101 The performance standards for mobile home parks were added back to the ordinance. Mobile Home 102 Parks are listed as a permitted use with a special permit under the R-6 zoning district. The standards are 103 as follows: Mobile home parks need to have a minimum 4.5 acres, no required lot width, maximum lot 104 coverage of seven (7) dwelling units per gross acre. Mobile home parks shall have a front setback of 15 105 feet from the interior drive or curb, 20 feet from the property lines (rear) 18 feet from any other mobile 106 home and 12.5 feet from any side street setback. Mobile homes cannot be any closer than 18 feet from 107 any service or any other mobile home park permanent building. Last, mobile homes within the park shall 108 be no less than 700 square feet and a 35-foot height limit. 109 110 The R1B - Rural Residential zone performance guidelines were changed to match the County's 111 performance guidelines. Lot width 200', currently 150'; Front Yard 50'(A) Not withstanding any other 112 setback requirements in these regulations, currently 30'; Side yard 20', currently 5'; Rear yard 50', currently 113 114 115 Conclusion: A motion was made by Jim Zitterkopf and seconded by Dan Ramsey to approve Zoning 116 Code text changes residential and commercial districts Chapter 25 with recommendation to City Council. 117 "YEAS": Zitterkopf, Clarkson, Hutzel, Ramsey, Estrada, and Weber. "NAYS": None. ABSENT: 118 Vandenberge, Huber, & Winchell. Motion carried. 119 120 8. Unfinished Business: None. 121 122 ITEM 7C: There being no further business the Planning Commission with a motion to adjourn made by Gary Hutzel, and seconded by Becky Estrada meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m. "YEAS": Ramsey, 124 Estrada, Zitterkopf, Hutzel, Clarkson, and Weber. NAYS: none. ABSENT: Huber, Vandenberge, and 125 Winchell. Motion carried. 126 127 128 Dana Weber 129 Chairperson 130 131 132 Annie Urdiales 133

ORDINANCE NO. 3882

AN ORDINANCE DEALING WITH ZONING, ESTABLISHING ZONING DISTRICT GG-O, GATEWAY GREEN OVERLAY ZONE, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR SUCH ZONE, AND ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF SUCH ZONE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Section 25-3-1 of the Scottsbluff Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

#### 25-3-1. Establishment of districts.

In order to carry out the purpose and intent of this Ordinance, the City of Scottsbluff and its land outside the city limits over which the City exercises zoning jurisdiction is hereby divided into the following zoning district classifications:

R-1 Single Family. R-1a Single Family. R-1b Rural Residential Estate Zone. R-2 Two-Family. R-3 Light Density Multiple Family. R-4 Heavy Density Multiple Family. R-5 Mobile Home Park. R-6 Mobile Home. R-7 Mobile Home. O-P Office and Professional. PBC Planned Business Center. C-1 Central Business District. C-2 Neighborhood Commercial. C-3 Heavy Commercial. M-1 Light Manufacturing and Industrial. M-1(s) Light Manufacturing and Industrial. M-2 Heavy Manufacturing and Industrial. Agricultural. Agricultural Residential. AR-1 Agriculture Residential. F Flood Plain.

Section 2. Chapter 25, Article 13 of the Municipal Code is amended by adding the following new section:

#### 25-3-22.1. GG-O Gateway Green Overlay

GG-O Gateway Green Overlay.

- Purpose. The Gateway Green Overlay (GG-O) Zone is intended to:
  - Protect the character and attractiveness of traditional transportation corridors and major entryways to the City; and
  - Promote an enhanced character of development consistent h. with the high level of community impact and influence due to the prominent location of this area; and
  - Ensure that the design of sites and buildings set a favorable tone for development of the remainder of Scottsbluff.
- Applicability. The GG-O zone is an overlay zone and imposes requirements in addition to those of any other zoning district to which a tract of land may be subject. The GG-O Zone shall consist of all land located within one thousand feet measured perpendicular from the right-of-way of the following transportation corridors:
  - U.S. Highway 26, extending from the East Extraterritorial Boundary to the West Extraterritorial Boundary,

b.

Highland Road, extending from the intersection with Airport Road to the intersection with U.S. Highway 26; McClellan Expressway (East Bypass Highway 71) from the North Platte River to its intersection with U.S. Highway 26

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# ORDINANCE RECORD

h. Public art, water features and recreational facilities (i.e. paths, benches, exercise equipment for employees) within landscaped areas should be incorporated where possible.

Section 3. Previously existing Section 25-3-1 of the Municipal Code and all other Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed. Provided, this Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any rights, liabilities, duties or causes of action, either criminal or civil, existing or actions pending at the time when this Ordinance becomes effective.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on November 21 . 2005

ATTEST:

City Clerk (Seal)

Approved as to form:

Deput City Attorney

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# CITY OFSCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA City Hall Council Chambers 1818 Avenue A Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Monday November 14, 2005 Regular meeting 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Roll Call: (Alternate- Gonzales), Frizzell, Vandenberge, Huber, Neu, Ramsey, Estrada, Sorensen, Clarkson, and Weber. Excused absences, if applicable.
- 2. Notice of changes in the agenda. (Additions may not be made to this agenda less that 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless added under item 3 of this agenda).
- 3. Citizens with business not scheduled on the agenda. (As required by state law, no matter may be considered under this item unless the Planning Commission determines that the matter requires emergency action).
- 4. Approval of Planning Commission meeting minutes of October 10, 2005.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Public hearing ordinance to amend comprehensive development plan map # 10-9 future land uses.
  - B. Public hearing: SKH Holdings & Alyssa Frank zone change R-1A to C-2 for properties described as Lot 5, Baptist Acres, Lots 1 & 2, Smith Addition, and Lot 2A, Heights Replat.
  - Public hearing: Cinda Munoz and Bob Unzicker zone change R-2 to C-2, and annexation in City's corporate limits – Block 2, Crown West Apartments Addition Amended.
  - D. Public hearing proposed ordinance for final plat submittal two years after approval of preliminary plat after two years require extension and approval from planning commission.
  - Public hearing proposed zone text ordinance change for C-3, M-1, M-1(s) and M-2 zones regarding billboard signs.
  - F. Public hearing regarding proposed ordinance for Gateway Green Overlay Zone for entryways into the City.
- 6. Unfinished business:
- 7. Adjournment

# Staff Analysis

Planning Commission Date: November 14, 2005

Agenda Item: 5F

Gateway Green Overlay (GG-O) Zone Project Title:

This ordinance would allow the formation of a new overlay zone along the major transportation corridors into the City of Scottsbluff.

Location: Within Extra-Territorial Limits and Corporate Limits, the GG-O 1. Zone would be located along:

Highway 26;

Highway 71, from north Extra-territorial boundary to Highway 26; Avenue I, from North Platte River to S. Beltline Highway; Broadway Ave, from North Platte River to S. Beltline Highway; McClellan Expressway (East 71 Bypass) from N. Platte River to Hwy 26; Highland Road, from Airport Road to Highway 26.

- Current Zoning of Site: Varies. Underlying zoning does not change. 11.
- Adjacent Zoning: Varies, all adjacent zoning remains unchanged. III.
- Proposed Zoning: Gateway Green Overlay (GG-O), underlying zoning IV. remains unchanged.
- 2004 Comprehensive Plan: The section of the Comprehensive Plan V. titled "Land Use" with a sub-heading of "Key Land Development Issues" (page 10-1) contains the following statement:
  - "the community image/aesthetic character has been eroded at community entrances and along primary corridors due to strip development patterns and inadequate land use regulations."

Under the section titled "Development Plan" is an entire section titled "Create Impressions That Entice Community Exploration" (page 2-4). Some of the key ideas in this section include:

 "Create strongly defined community entrances using monument style entrance signs, landscaping and directional information. Priority areas include US 26 intersections with East Overland, Highway #71N, and the future east and west bypass intersections. The motorist should feel a sense of arrival upon reaching these features."

Also included under "Create Unique Residential & Commercial Neighborhoods" is the statement:

• "Landscape and architectural design requirements should be implemented to ensure high quality developments, particularly in commercial areas"

It is clear from all of these statements that the Comprehensive Plan supports the identification of gateway corridors, and strengthening the community image through land use regulations in these areas.

- VI. **Existing Conditions**: No land use regulations currently define gateway areas. Existing zoning in key intersections varies from residential to commercial to manufacturing.
- VII: Constraints Considered: Enhanced site design regulations can be the basis for increased initial design cost (architecture, engineering and landscape), decreased site/building coverage, and an increase in construction costs. Increased construction costs can be due to many factors such as: use of higher quality materials, installation of underground irrigation, installation and maintenance of landscaping. Site design regulations can also restrict use, such as outside material storage or outside manufacturing.

Some property owners may be prevented from developing their properties because they are unable to fund these types of improvements. The community must balance these concerns with the public welfare, and the need to guide development in order to create an environment that will maintain it's attractiveness and economic value for generations to come.

- VII. Staff Recommendation: Approval of ordinance.
- VIII. Suggested Language:

For Recommendation to Council (Approval):

1) A motion is made to recommend the proposed ordinance.

Planning Commission Regular Meeting November 14, 2005 Scottsbluff, Nebraska

The Planning Commission of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska met in a regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1818 Avenue A, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A notice of the meeting had been published in the Star-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, on November 4, 2005. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting would be open to the public, that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend the Planning Commission meeting should contact the Development Services Department, and that an agenda of the meeting kept continuously current was available for public inspection at Development Services Department office; provided, the City Planning Commission could modify the agenda at the meeting if the business was determined that an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been delivered to each Planning Commission member. An agenda kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the Development Services Department at all times from publication to the time of the meeting.

ITEM 1: Chairperson, Dan Ramsey, presided over the proceedings. The following members were present: Becky Estrada, Clark Sorensen, Dan Ramsey, Dana Weber, Glen Vandenberge, and Francis Clarkson. Absent: Jacque Neu, Nellie Frizzell, Henry Huber, and Raymond Gonzales. City officials present: Suzanne Bassinger, Annie Urdiales, and John Simmons, Deputy City Attorney.

ITEM 2: Chairperson Ramsey asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the October 10, 2005 meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed.

ITEM 3: Acknowledgment of any changes in the agenda. Items 5B and 5C are requests for zone changes pertaining to item 5A; public hearings will be heard concurrently noting the map change with the requests for changes in zoning. Also, would like to show slide show before Item 5E.

ITEM 4: Business not on agenda: None.

ITEM 5A & 5B: The Planning Commission opened the public hearing for a proposed zone change request from SKH Holdings and Alyssa Frank properties located on Avenue I and amending comp plan map # 10-9 adding this area in future zoning. These properties consist of four lots on the east side of Avenue I, north of 29<sup>th</sup> Street. The properties are consistent with the current commercial zoning on the west side of Avenue I.

Steve Herron, representative, of SKH Holdings addressed the planning commission in favor of the zone change.

The planning commission held discussion on the proposed rezoning and map amendment.

Conclusion: At the conclusion of the public hearing the Planning Commission, upon motion by Glen Vandenberge and seconded by Dana Weber to amend comprehensive development plan map 10-9 adding these parcels to map. "YEAS": Weber, Clarkson, Vandenberge, Sorensen, Estrada, and Ramsey. "NAYS": None. ABSENT: Frizzell, Neu, Huber, and Gonzales. Motion carried

Motion number two was made by Francis Clarkson and seconded by Glen Vandenberge to recommend proposed zone change to City Council from R-1A to C-2 allowing for the City to limit accesses on to Avenue I. "YEAS": Clarkson, Weber, Vandenberge, Sorensen, Estrada, and Ramsey. "NAYS": None. ABSENT: Frizzell, Huber, Neu, and Gonzales. Motion carried

ITEMS 5A & 5C: The Planning Commission conducted public hearings regarding amendment to comprehensive development plan map 10-9, proposed zone change R-2 to C-2, and annexation of property at 2030 Avenue I (Block 2, Crown West Apartments Addition).

Bob Unzicker, property owner, addressed planning commission expressing he is in favor of the proposed zone change and annexation.

Annexation of this property is recommended. This parcel consists of approximately 1.5 acres completely surrounded within the City Limits. Fire Department reviewed and noted that they will have no problems as it relates to fire codes and emergency response. The Police Department expressed that the annexation will have minimal impact on their Department as they already provides services to the surrounding area.

**Conclusion:** At the conclusion of the public hearing the Planning Commission, upon motion by Dana Webber and seconded by Becky Estrada to amend the comprehensive development map adding this parcels to map. "YEAS": Weber, Clarkson, Vandenberge, Sorensen, Estrada, and Ramsey. "NAYS": None. ABSENT: Frizzell, Neu, Huber, and Gonzales. Motion carried

**Motion number two** was made by Dana Webber and seconded by Becky Estrada to recommend proposed zone change to City Council from R-2 to C-2 allowing for the City to maintain control of accesses on to Avenue I. "YEAS": Clarkson, Weber, Vandenberge, Sorensen, Estrada, and Ramsey. "NAYS": None. ABSENT: Frizzell, Huber, Neu, and Gonzales. Motion carried

**Motion number three** was made by Becky Estrada and seconded by Francis Clarkson to recommend approval of annexation to City Council. "YEAS": Clarkson, Weber, Estrada, Vandenberge, Sorensen, and Ramsey. "NAYS": None. ABSENT: Frizzell, Neu, Huber, and Gonzales.

ITEM 5D: The Planning Commission opened public hearing for proposed ordinance dealing with subdivisions providing that the final plat be submitted within two years of the preliminary plat and providing an extension to be granted by the planning commission after the two year time frame.

Planning commission discussed proposed ordinance and tabled until next regular meeting in December. They would like more information from staff.

Planning commission viewed short slide show illustrating effect of a sign code on "before" and "after" pictures taken of Ft. Collins, Colorado. "Before" pictures taken in '70's and '80's with "after" pictures taken in early 2000's.

ITEM 5E: The planning commission opened a public hearing for a zone text change ordinance eliminating billboards in C-3 (heavy commercial), M-1, M-1(s), and M-2 zones. This ordinance would remove billboards as a permitted use in these manufacturing and commercial zones. The existing billboards would become preexisting non-conforming and given a fifteen year time period in which they would be phased out.

Opponents: Ron Repasky, Joe Hendren, and Tom Holyoke all representing Lamar Outdoor Advertising.

Kevin Howard, Stan Slater, and Karen Anderson spoke in favor of keeping Scottsbluff beautiful, and for the need of directional signs on the McClellan Expressway.

Dick Ross, planning commission member from Gering addressed planning commission noting that the City of Gering changed their ordinance and does not allow any billboards along Highway 71.

The planning commission tabled proposed ordinance and will work at creating an ordinance that will be effective and responsible for everyone – with certain guidelines and restrictions on height, size, lighting, and placement.

ITEM 5F: The planning commission opened a public hearing for a proposed ordinance of a Gateway Green Overlay zone. The existing underlying zones will remain the same; any construction done in the proposed overlay zone would require the planning commission to review a site plan. The overlay would be 1000' behind the right-of-way. This line will fluctuate because of different right of ways along the different highways.

A motion was made by Dana Weber and seconded by Becky Estrada acknowledging that planning commission members Glen Vandenberge and Francis Clarkson disclosed their possible conflict as developers in the overlay zone. Both members have properties, which are located in the overlay zone all required permitting has been approved and issued. Vote was as follows: "YEAS": Estrada, Sorensen, Weber, Clarkson, Vandenberge, and Ramsey. "NAYS": None. ABSENT: Frizzell, Neu, Huber, and Gonzales.

Conclusion: At the conclusion of the public hearing the Planning Commission, upon motion by Dana Webber and seconded by Glen Vandenberge to recommend Gateway Green Overlay Zone ordinance to City Council with the following changes: eliminate # 6A from the ordinance and add Highway 92 (20<sup>th</sup> St.) west of town as an entryway, starting from the City's extra territorial property to the City's corporate limits. "YEAS": Weber, Clarkson, Vandenberge, Sorensen, Estrada, and Ramsey. "NAYS": None. ABSENT: Frizzell, Neu, Huber, and Gonzales. Motion carried.

**ITEM 6:** There being no further business the Planning Commission adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Dan Ramsey Chairperson

# CITY OFSCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA City Hall Council Chambers 1818 Avenue A Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Monday October 10, 2005 Regular meeting 6:00 p.m.

- Roll Call: (Alternate), Frizzell, Vandenberge, Huber, Neu, Gonzales, Ramsey, Estrada, Sorensen, and Weber. Excused absences, if applicable.
- Notice of changes in the agenda. (Additions may not be made to this agenda less that 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless added under item 3 of this agenda).
- Citizens with business not scheduled on the agenda. (As required by state law, no matter may be considered under this item unless the Planning Commission determines that the matter requires emergency action).
- 4. Approval of Planning Commission meeting minutes of September 12, 2005.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:
  - A. Public Hearing: Steve Herron representative for SKH Holdings, and Alyssa Frank, zone change – R-1A to C-2. \*\*\*Pulled from Agenda\*\*\*
  - B. Public Hearing: Cinda Munoz and Bob Unzicker zone change R-2 to C-2. \*\*\*Pulled From Agenda\*\*\*\*
  - ∠C. Public Hearing: Final Plat Clemens Reinhardt property
  - LD. Public Hearing: Ordinance Extra Territorial Jurisdiction
  - E. Proposed Gateway Green Zone Overlay for entryways to City.
  - F. Discussion item: Notification of County subdivision outside of Extra Territorial Area.
  - 6. Unfinished business:
  - 7. Adjournment

### MEMO

TO: Scottsbluff Planning Commission

FROM: Suzanne C. Bassinger, City Planner

DATE: September 29, 2005

RE Agenda Item 5E: Discussion on Gateway Green Zone Overlay District

Staff shall present suggested criteria for a Gateway Green Zone at the October 24 planning topic meeting. Additional input and discussion is sought from Planning Commission tonight. The following are some of the issues to be addressed with an overlay zone:

A. Potential Locations:

Highway 26/Heartland Express/Future West Bypass

All of Highway 26 through City

Adjacent to off-ramp from Heartland Express onto Beltline Highway

Avenue I North Entrance: Avenue I north of Highway 26 Avenue I South Entrance: North of River, south of Beltline

Broadway Entrance: South of 8th Street

B. Sign controls

C. Enhanced Landscaping

D. Building Setbacks

E. Building Facades/Architectural Review

F. Temporary Adoption Period; Funding/Schedule for Completion

G. Partnerships: City of Gering, Scotts Bluff County, Chamber of Commerce (attend October 24 meeting?)

H. Depth of overlay zone...200'/500'/1000' from Right-of-Way?

I. Any development or redevelopment in this area by Special Use Permit reviewed and granted by Planning Commission only – note that Special Use permits currently do not go to City Council...Planning Commission has final approval. May request differing classification to be suggested from Legal Dept. so that final approval still reserved for City Council?

Planning Commission Regular Meeting October 10, 2005 Scottsbluff, Nebraska

The Planning Commission of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska met in a regular meeting on Monday, October 10, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1818 Avenue A, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A notice of the meeting had been published in the Star-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, on September 30, 2005. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting would be open to the public, that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend the Planning Commission meeting should contact the Development Services Department, and that an agenda of the meeting kept continuously current was available for public inspection at Development Services Department office; provided, the City Planning Commission could modify the agenda at the meeting if the business was determined that an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been delivered to each Planning Commission member. An agenda kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the Development Services Department at all times from publication to the time of the meeting.

ITEM 1: Chairperson, Dan Ramsey, presided over the proceedings. The following members were present: Nellie Frizzell, Henry Huber, Dan Ramsey, Dana Weber, Glen Vandenberge, and Francis Clarkson. Absent: Jacque Neu, Clark Sorensen, Becky Estrada, and Raymond Gonzales. City officials present: Suzanne Bassinger, and Annie Urdiales.

**ITEM 2:** Chairperson Ramsey asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the September 12, 2005 meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed.

ITEM 3: Acknowledgment of any changes in the agenda. Items 5A & 5B were withdrawn from the agenda they will be presented at the November regular meeting.

**ITEM 4**: Business not on agenda: Francis Clarkson, was introduced as a new member of the Planning Commission.

**ITEM 5C:** The Planning Commission opened the public hearing for a final plat of Lots One through Eight, Block 1, Clemens-Reinhardt Subdivision.

Jack Baker, representative for Baker and Associates, addressed the planning commission giving some background on the final plat.

**Conclusion:** At the conclusion of the public hearing the Planning Commission, upon motion by Dana Weber recommended approval of the final plat, contingent upon the finalization of the Development Agreement and Stormwater Easement for the property, seconded by Nellie Frizzell, "YEAS": Weber, Clarkson, Vandenberge, Huber, Frizzell,

and Ramsey. "NAYS": None. ABSENT: Estrada, Gonzales, Sorensen, and Neu. Motion carried

ITEMS 5D: The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing regarding a new map with boundary lines of our extra-territorial jurisdiction. Staff has completed a new map, which used established physical features to delineate the limits of the City's jurisdiction. The proposed limits extend beyond the actual 2-mile limit in several places. If approved the City will seek approval from the County Planning Commission and the Scotts Bluff County Commissioners.

Conclusion: At the conclusion of the public hearing the Planning Commission, upon motion by Nellie Frizzell and seconded by Glen Vandenberge that they recommend approval of the new boundary map of the City's extra territorial jurisdiction. "YEAS": Frizzell, Huber, Clarkson, Weber, Vandenberge, and Ramsey. "NAYS": None. ABSENT: Neu, Gonzales, Sorensen, and Estrada.

**ITEM 5E:** The Planning Commission discussed possible requirements for the creation of a new gateway green zone as an overlay zone to districts within the entryways into the City which will control signage, landscaping, etc. in areas within the 200' or more of the highway entries into Scottsbluff. Staff will prepare a presentation with proposed guidelines at the next planning commission meeting.

The City received notification from the County Planning Commission about a proposed development abutting the City's jurisdiction. Staff is to write a letter of thanks for the update

**ITEM 6:** There being no further business the Planning Commission adjourned at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Dan Ramsey	
Chairperson	

# CITY OFSCOTTSBLUFF, NEBRASKA PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA City Hall Council Chambers 1818 Avenue A Scottsbluff, NE 69361 Monday July 11, 2005 Regular meeting 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Roll Call: Winchell (Alternate), Frizzell, Vandenberge, Huber, Neu, Gonzales, Ramsey, Estrada, Sorensen, and Weber. Excused absences, if applicable.
- 2. Notice of changes in the agenda. (Additions may not be made to this agenda less that 24 hours before the beginning of the meeting unless added under item 3 of this agenda).
- 3. Citizens with business not scheduled on the agenda. (As required by state law, no matter may be considered under this item unless the Planning Commission determines that the matter requires emergency action).
- 4. Approve Planning Commission meeting minutes of June 13, 2005.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS:
- A. Public Hearing Preliminary and Final Plat of Lots One, through Eleven, Block One and Block Two, Stoney Creek Estates a replat of Community Christian Fellowship Addition submitted by M.C. Schaff & Associates.
- B. Public hearing for special permit application for a Planned Unit Development (P.U.D.) of Lots One through Eleven, Block One, and Block Two, Stoney Creek Estates a replat of Community Christian Fellowship Addition.
- ✓C. Public hearing regarding an amended plat for Lots One through Four, Block One, Lots

  One through Twenty-two, Block Two, Lots One through Thirteen, Block Three, Lots One
  through Thirteen, Block Four, Lots One through Twelve, Block Five, and Block Twentytwo, Five Oaks Subdivision
  - D. Public hearing regarding extra territorial jurisdiction
- ✓E. Presentation of conceptual commercial zoning Highway 27 and Highway 27 intersection
   gateway green zone.
  - F. Discussion of Planning Commission retreat.
- 6. Unfinished business:
- 7. Adjournment

### **MEMO**

TO: Scottsbluff Planning Commission

FROM: Suzanne C. Bassinger, City Planner

**DATE:** June 28, 2005

RE: Agenda Item 6E: Proposed zoning along Highway 26 & Highway 71 intersection

This is a discussion item for review by the Planning Commission. Staff will present an exhibit showing conceptual use of the new proposed commercial zoning along the new east entrance to the City created by the intersection of the Heartland Express with Highway 26. An additional zone: the "Gateway Green Zone" has been added to represent an area of enhanced landscaping and aesthetic considerations. This Green Zone would be applicable to other identified Gateway areas of the City.

This item is presented for discussion and input from the Planning Commission to the Staff.

Planning Commission Regular Meeting July 11, 2005 Scottsbluff, Nebraska

The Planning Commission of the City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska met in a regular meeting on Monday, July 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 1818 Avenue A, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. A notice of the meeting had been published in the Star-Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the City, on July 1, 2005. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting, that the meeting would be open to the public, that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend the Planning Commission meeting should contact the Development Services Department, and that an agenda of the meeting kept continuously current was available for public inspection at Development Services Department office; provided, the City Planning Commission could modify the agenda at the meeting if the business was determined that an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been delivered to each Planning Commission member. An agenda kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the Development Services Department at all times from publication to the time of the meeting.

ITEM 1: Chairperson, Nellie Frizzell, presided over the proceedings. The following members were present: Nellie Frizzell, Jacque Neu, Glen Vandenberge, Clark Sorensen, Dana Weber, Henry Huber, Raymond Gonzales, Becky Estrada, and Ron Winchell. Absent: Dan Ramsey. City officials present: Suzanne Bassinger, and Annie Urdiales.

**ITEM 2:** Chairperson Frizzell asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the June 13, 2005 meeting. The minutes were approved as distributed.

ITEM 3: Acknowledgment of any changes in the agenda. Suzanne asked that items 5A and 5B pertaining to Stoney Creek Estates be addressed at the same time.

ITEM 4: Business not on agenda: The Planning Commission agreed to listen to the Business Task Force and Downtown Business Association in reference to a special permit issued to Monument Family Connections for a homeless shelter.

Mike Downey representing both groups addressed the planning commission with concerns the group has with the location of the shelter (1921 Avenue A). Mr. Downey stated that the Business Task Force formed on April 13, 2005and met with MFC on that date in an effort to possibly come up with an alternative location for the shelter. The task force over the past few months has worked on alternative locations including, old water utility building on Broadway, Cottonwood Inn on East Overland, vacant lot across from Cottonwood Inn, and old Farm Credit Building on S. Beltline Hwy W. The group has also pledged \$75,000 to be used for an alternate location. MFC board did not like any of alternate choices and the task force would like them to consider alternatives offered.

ITEM 4C: The Planning Commission opened the public hearings for an amended Final plat of lots 1 –4, Block 1, lots 1-22, Block 2, lots 1-13, Block 3, lots 1-13 Block 4, and lot 1, Block 22, Five Oaks Subdivision.

Clint Taylor of Baker and Associates reviewed the changes in the plat, which include 5' easements for additional utilities - electrical access to the northeast corner of the subdivision. This will allow them to utilize the electricity with shorter runs. The other changes are increased lot sizes in block three and block four, they eliminated two lots in Block Three and one lot in Block Four. They, also, changed lot sizes in the P.U.D. lot 3, 4, 18, and 20 of Block were increased to 70' x 42' from 65' x 42'.

Conclusion: At the conclusion of the public hearing the Planning Commission, upon motion by Becky Estrada and seconded by Ron Winchell, recommend approval of the amended final plat, Lots 1-4, Block 1, Lots 1-22, Block 2, Lots 1-13, Block 3, Lots 1-13, Block 4, Lots 1-12, Block 5, and Lot 1, Block 22, Five Oaks Subdivision "YEAS": Gonzales, Huber, Estrada, Neu, Vandenberge, Weber, Sorensen, Winchell, and Frizzell. "NAYS": None. ABSENT: Ramsey. Motion carried.

ITEM 4F: Suzanne Bassinger reviewed a proposed map to extend the city's extra territorial zoning area. The City is by law able to enforce zoning two miles outside the corporate city limits. The map shows what the city currently enforces, with another line showing the complete two-mile zone. The city will have more control over future development and will be able to control large lot development, which could block growth for the City in the future. Planning commission recommend the City go out the full two miles. Staff will work on map and ordinance to present to planning commission's next regular meeting and then make recommendation to council. Staff will also, check with Lon Darnall, zoning director with county for approval.

ITEM 4G: Suzanne Bassinger presented an exhibit showing conceptual use of the new proposed commercial zoning along the new east entrance to the City created by the intersection the Heartland Express with Highway 26. An additional zone: the Gateway Green Zone has been added to represent areas of enhanced landscaping and aesthetic considerations. The Green Zone would be applicable to other identified Gateway areas of the City. Staff will check with Panhandle Area Development on completion of our proposed zone changes.

ITEM 4H: Suzanne proposed possibly setting up a retreat for planning commission members to attend and receive information and legal guidelines for duties required of a planning commission.

Planning commission members agreed that they would like to have something set up and possibly have council attend along with the County and possibly boards from the City of Gering. This would help the council and planning commissions understand what duties they each do and could help with communication between each entity.

# § 25-3-22.1 GG-O GATEWAY GREEN OVERLAY.

- (A) Purpose. The Gateway Green Overlay (GG-O) District is intended to:
  - (1) Promote the general health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- (2) Create a sense of continuity throughout the corridor with harmonious design standards for public improvements and private property development; and
- (3) Preserve and enhance the historical attractions and landmarks of the city and the surrounding area.
- (B) Design guidelines. The GG-O District is an overlay zone that supersedes those of any other zoning district to which a tract of land may be subject and shall be read together and incorporated in §§ 25-22-1 through 25-22-10 of this chapter, referred to as the "Landscaping Article". All new development and redevelopment must conform to the design guidelines. All plans shall be reviewed and approved for design, landscaping, and architectural detail and compatibility. No design plans that have been approved by the Planning Commission may be altered without approval of the Planning Commission.
- (C) Boundaries. The GG-O District shall consist of all land located within 1,000 feet measured perpendicular from the right-of-way of the following transportation corridors:
- (1) U.S. Highway 26, extending from the east extraterritorial boundary to the west extraterritorial boundary;
- (2) Highland Road, extending from the intersection with Airport Road to the intersection with U.S. Highway 26;
- (3) McClellan Expressway (East Bypass Highway 71) from the North Platte River to its intersection with U.S. Highway 26;
- (4) Broadway Avenue from the North Platte River to its intersection with South Beltline Highway;
- (5) Avenue I from the North Platte River to its intersection with South Beltline Highway;
- (6) Highway 71 from the intersection with Highway 26 to the north extraterritorial boundary; and
- (7) Highway L-79-G (West 20th Street extended) from the west extraterritorial boundary to the west corporate limits of the city.
- (D) Development action. There shall be no development action within the GG-O District without permission of the Planning Commission. Any person or entity desiring a development action within the GG-O District must submit plans to the Planning Commission for review and approval. Recommend removal. This requirement adds a minimum of 4 weeks to review time. Average review time for a building permit is 2-3 weeks.
- (E) Development standards. The development standards were formulated to create a visually pleasing GG-O District and to convey the values of the city.
  - (1) Signs.
- (a) Monument signs. One ground sign, monument type with a maximum height of six feet shall be permitted on each lot. Total area of sign not to exceed 250 square feet. Sign

structure materials shall be comparable with materials used on the facade of the principal building.

- (b) Wall signs and marquee signs. One wall sign or marquee sign shall be permitted per building side. Recommend move this to sign code
- (c) Pole signs. One 25-foot pole sign will be allowed in the GG-O District per development. Recommend move this to sign code. Current regulations are signs can be no taller than max height in respective zoning district. Potentially a problem with M-1 as sign could be 70' tall for example.
- (d) Other signs. Other signs may be permitted, in the sole discretion of the Planning and Development Director, if the sign is small in scale, is directional in nature and meets the intent of this section. Recommend removal. This is covered in the sign code.
- (2) Lighting. Lighting on private property shall be in harmony with poles and lanterns within specified corridors. Lights shall provide safe and efficient lighting and be without glare for pedestrians and motorists passing by. All lighting shall be designed to avoid intrusion on adjacent properties and adjacent roads. Recommend removal. Lighting regulations can be found under 25-5-14 for off-street parking.
- (3) Overhead lines. Eliminate the need for power cables by burying cables underground. Recommend removal. This requirement places large financial burden on developers. Additionally, any powerlines over Highway 26 would require State of Nebraska approval.
  - (4) Parking lot design.
- (a) All parking areas shall be paved to meet current ordinance requirements, including those in §§ 25-22-1 through 25-22-10 in this chapter.
- (b) All developments shall have off-street parking. Recommend removal. This is redundant language.
- (c) Parking areas over 50 spaces shall include landscape islands. All landscape islands shall have a minimum of 100 square feet of open ground and at least 300 cubic foot of good soil rooting volume for each tree. One-half of all landscape islands must include a deciduous canopy tree. Understory plantings of shrubs/perennials/groundcover shall be durable and able to withstand foot traffic and frequent breakage from pedestrian traffic. Landscape islands shall be evenly distributed to the maximum extent possible. Recommend removal of majority. Parking lot landscaping is covered under 25-22-8, which is stricter. 25-22-8 requires parking lots over 6,000 square feet to have landscaping. With the GG-0 requirement, parking lots could be larger than 9,000 square feet before landscaping is required. For example, fifty 90-degree parking stalls (10' x 18') equals 9,000 sq. ft. This calculation excludes the required minimum 26' required maneuvering width (parking aisles). 25-22-8 also requires parking lot over 6,000 sq. ft. have no less than 5% of the total paved area as interior landscaped areas. Recommend the addition of the GG-0 requirement for landscape islands to have a minimum area of 100 sq feet.
- (d) Parking areas should be placed between or behind buildings unless lot layout does not allow. If layout does not allow for parking between or behind buildings, then conceptual parking design may be approved by the Planning Commission. Recommend removal. This concept is acceptable in theory, but would not result in the desired outcome in practice. (e) All parking areas visible from the transportation corridors shall have a

complete visual buffer of four feet minimum height.— Recommend removal. This requirement contradicts with 25-22-8(E), which states required screening and landscaping shall not obstruct the view from the off-street parking facility to any driveway approach, street, alley or sidewalk. For locations with major on-site traffic circulation, the screening requirements of 25-22-7 would come into effect.

- (f) Where parking lots abut adjacent residential zoned areas, a buffer yard of 20 feet minimum is required. Recommend removal. 25-22-8 (B) states each parking facility that abuts a residential district shall provide a 20-foot landscaped buffer along its common property line with the residential district. 25-22-8 (C) states a 4' tall fence, wall, landscape screen, or earth berm shall be provided when a parking facility abuts a residential district. Additionally, the screening requirements of 25-22-7 would come into effect.
- (5) Landscaping and screening standards. Landscaping is critical in creating a visually pleasing appearance of the transportation corridors in the city. Landscape design and development shall be priority in the planning process. To the extent reasonably feasible, all landscape plans shall be designed to incorporate water conservation materials and techniques in order to comply with each of the xeriscape landscaping principles listed below. Xeriscape landscaping principles do not include or allow artificial turf or plants, mulched (including gravel) beds or areas without landscape plant material, paving of areas not required for walkways, plazas or parking lots, bare ground, weed covered or infested surfaces, or any landscaping that does not comply with the standards of this section. See Appendix A at the end of this section for recommended species.
  - (a) Xeriscape landscaping principles are as follows:
- 1. Design. Identify zones of different water requirements and group plants together that have similar water needs;
- 2. Appropriate use of turf. Limit high-irrigation turf and plantings to appropriate high use areas with high visibility and functional needs;
- 3. Low-water-using plants. Choose low-water-demanding plants and turf where practicable;
- 4. Irrigation. Design, operate, and maintain an efficient irrigation system. Drip irrigation shall be used in all landscape beds. If sprinklers are used for turf, no water shall be sprayed over sidewalks, streets, or parking lots. Areas of low water use landscaping may be included but must be indicated on the plans. Irrigation water must be available for the initial two years after planting to establish low-water use landscapes;
  - 5. Soil preparation. Incorporate soil amendments before planting;
- 6. Mulch. Add mulch to planting beds to a minimum depth of three inches around trees and shrubs and one-inch around perennials and ornamental grasses. Organic mulch is preferred.

Rock mulch may be used only if pre-approved by the Planner; and

- 7. Maintenance. Provide regular and attentive maintenance.
- Recommend rewording and placing under 25-22-5. For example, add a requirement for 33% of plants be native species. Additionally, a xeriscaping program by the City could be implemented.
  - (b) Screening.

- 1. All loading and service areas that are within 50 feet of a side or rear lot line abutting property that is residentially zoned shall be surrounded by a six-foot high masonry wall or solid wood or PVC fence with opaque gate. –Recommend removal. 25-22-7 is stricter as screening is required when similar conditions are visible from a street ROW or face a boundary of a less intensive zoning district. Six-foot screen requirement is redundant as it can be found under 25-2-7 (B).
- 2. Waste receptacles, including dumpsters, garbage cans, or grease containers shall be located in the rear or side yard of lot and no more than 20 feet from residentially zoned areas. All waste receptacles shall be screened from view from all property lines and public areas of the site by a minimum six-foot high evergreen planting, masonry wall, or wood or PVC fence. Recommend adding screening requirements for waste receptacles, including dumpsters, garbage cans, or grease containers to 25-22-7 (A). Recommend adding the requirement of such features to be located in the side or rear yard of a lot to 25-3-23.
- 3. Rooftop mechanical equipment, including HVAC and utility equipment shall be screened from adjacent streets, sidewalks, residential, public, and institutional uses. Screening shall consist of parapet walls or an opaque enclosure around the equipment that is constructed of one of the materials used on the primary facade of the principal structure. Recommend adding screening requirements for rooftop mechanical and utility equipment to 25-22-7 (A).
- 4. Ground or wall mounted mechanical equipment, such as HVAC equipment, transformers, generators, and gangs of multiple utility meters shall be screened from adjacent streets, sidewalks, residential, public, and institutional uses. Screening shall consist of evergreen planting, masonry wall, wood or PVC fencing, or other opaque enclosure around the equipment that is constructed of one of the permanent and durable materials used on the primary facade of the building. The height of the planting or fence shall be sufficient to effectively screen the equipment from view. –Recommend adding to 25-22-7 (A). Listed screening requirements are redundant as they are listed under 25-22-7 (B).
- 5. Outdoor storage shall be prohibited. Recommend removal and potential incorporation into 25-4 as it is difficult to determine what is outdoor storage. In regards to shipping containers, building permits are required for shipping containers to stay on a site for more than 6 months. Additionally, 25-22-7 requires screening of outdoor storage areas.
  - (c) Buffer yards.
- 1. Buffer yards are developed for the purpose of providing an effective visual screen between two dissimilar uses. Recommend removal as redundant. See 25-22-6.
- 2. Buffer yards shall be required along and inside the property line of commercial property abutting a residentially zoned property. Recommend removal as redundant. See 25-22-6.
- 3. Buffer yards shall be 20 feet minimum in depth and shall meet the following criteria: be planted with a staggered double row of evergreen trees at least six feet in height, or be planted with a single row of deciduous shade trees two-inch caliper trunk minimum and two staggered rows of evergreen shrubs at least three feet in height, planted a maximum of four feet on center. Recommend removal as both redundant and overly specific for design layout.

- 4. If a six-foot high solid wood or PVC fence or masonry wall is incorporated into the design, the buffer yard may be reduced by ten feet. Finished side of fencing will face abutting property. A row of evergreen trees at least six feet in height, or a single row of deciduous shade trees two inches caliper trunk minimum and a staggered row of evergreen shrubs at least three feet in height, planted a maximum of four feet on center must accompany the fence. Planning Commission made positive recommendation on adding this caveat to 25-22-6 at the December 13, 2021 meeting.
- (d) Maintenance of buffer yard. The buffer yard shall be maintained so as to provide an effective visual screen. If plant material shall die or be removed such that the buffer yard no longer functions, the plant material shall be replaced by the property owner.

  Recommend removal as it is redundant. Maintenance requirements are listed under 25-22-10 (B).
  - (e) Landscaping.
- 1. Building perimeter walls: shrubs shall be planted within ten feet of the foundation of the primary structure along each building facade at a density that will obscure 60% of the building foundation after five years, except for sides or rear of building used for loading or service area. Recommend removal as this requirement is impractical to enforce.
- 2. Along each street frontage, there shall be, at a minimum, a ten-foot wide landscape strip, continuous along the frontage except for the perpendicular crossings for driveways and utilities. The landscape strip shall be planted with shade trees at a rate of one per 40 feet of linear frontage or evergreen trees at a rate of one per 20 feet of linear frontage. Evergreens may only be planted if planting bed is a minimum of 20 feet wide. Trees may be spread irregularly in informal groupings or be uniformly spaced, as consistent with large overall planting patterns and organization. Trees shall be spread a minimum of 15 feet apart for large shade trees and evergreens, and a minimum of ten feet apart for small ornamentals (list provides). Grouping of trees may be no more than 150 feet apart. The space between the trees should be planted and maintained to aid the health and growth of the trees. There must be a maintained, non-turf grass landscape bed under and around trees, to be a minimum of 40 square feet per large shade tree or evergreen and 30 square feet per small or medium tree. The landscape zone must be planted to appropriate and compatible shrubs or herbaceous grasses or perennials to cover at least 50% of the bed. The remainder may be mulch. Organic mulch should be used if possible. Screen standards shall comply with §§ 25-22-7 and 25-22-8 of this chapter. Where overhead wires exist directly over tree planting area, small ornamental trees shall be substituted for required shade trees at an equal number. Recommend removal of majority of requirements. The 10' depth of landscaping is listed under 25-22-4. Recommend adding requirement for evergreen trees only to be planted in 20' wide beds to 25-22-5. 25-3-25 (E) prohibits the use of inorganic materials as a principal groundcover in landscaping areas along streets.
- 3. Plant material, wall, or fencing in any required landscaped area shall not obstruct the view from the off-street parking facility to any driveway approach, street, alley, or sidewalk. Landscaping shall further not obstruct any views among parking spaces and circulation ways, or visibility between vehicles and pedestrians. Recommend removal as redundant. See 25-22-8 (E).

- 4. Stormwater retention ponds shall be landscaped and developed in such a way as to enhance or be in harmony with the surrounding site landscape.
- a. Retention basins should be "free form" following the natural contours of the land. If land lacks contour, the basins shall be created to look like a natural depression. Side slopes should vary to give the appearance of a natural condition.
- b. Trees and shrub groupings shall be planted intermittently along the ridge of the retention pond to create the appearance of the plants naturally occurring.
- c. Approved erosion control measures will be required on all slopes. Use of inorganic landscape materials is prohibited. No artificial trees, shrubs, plants, or turf shall be used to fulfill the minimum requirements for landscaping. Inorganic materials such as stone or decorative pavers, may be used provided that such material does not compromise more than 25% of the minimum required landscaped area. When calculating the area to determine how much inorganic material may be used, the area of driveways and walkways shall not be counted. Loose rock and cobblestones shall not be permitted within any required landscaped area which is within ten feet of a traveled street surface. Recommend removal. Recommend adding another subsection to the landscaping code to provide requirements for stormwater management landscaping. Stormwater Specialist Leann Sato has provided a preliminary subsection.
  - 5. Minimum tree and shrub sizes:
- a. All deciduous shade trees shall be a minimum one and one- half inch caliper measured 12 inches from above the root ball;
- b. All evergreen trees shall be a minimum five feet in height measured from the top of the root ball to the top of the tree;
- c. All ornamental deciduous trees shall be a minimum one and one-half inch caliper measured 12 inches from above the root ball;
- d. Shrubs shall be two gallon size or greater or 15 inches in height if balled or burlapped; and
- e. All perennials and ornamental grasses shall be one quart size or greater. Recommend consolidation into 25-22-5. Uses GG-O minimum sizes instead of those listed currently under 25-22-5 as GG-O minimum sizes allow smaller plants to be installed. Smaller plants are typically more available and cost less. Add minimum size requirements for perennials and ornamental grasses to 25-22-5.
- 6. Upon installation of required landscape materials, each owner shall take appropriate actions to ensure their continued health and maintenance. Required landscaping that does not remain healthy shall be replaced consistently with this section and the approved landscaping plan for the project. Recommend removal. See 25-22-10
- (6) Minimum species diversity. To prevent uniform insect or disease susceptibility and eventual uniform senescence on a development site or in the adjacent area or the district, species diversity is required and expansive monocultures are prohibited. The following minimum requirements shall apply to any development plan. Recommend adding diversity requirements to 25-22-5.

Number of Trees on Site Maximum Percentage of One Species

10-19	33%
30-39	25%
40 or more	15%

- (7) Use of approved species. Regionally native plants should be used when possible to help aid biodiversity and convey a sense of place with the natural context of our community. Ninety percent of all required trees planted must be from the approved list provided in Appendix A of this section. Recommend removal. See 25-22-5 (A). Recommend using approved GG-O plant list as part of a new Official Plant List of recommended and prohibited plants. Staff intends to work with the Park, Tree, and Cemetery Board to create a new plant list.
- (8) Redevelopment. In the event any property owner or occupant owning or possessing property located within the GG-O Overlay District commences a remodel or redevelopment project, the cost of which exceeds \$100,000 based upon the building permit issued by the city's Planning and Development Department, upon property that does not then meet the requirements of this section, then the property owner or occupant will be required to spend 3% of any remodel or redevelopment project toward bringing the property and landscaping up to the development standards in this section. Once the property and landscaping meet the requirements of this section, the property owner or occupant will no longer have to spend a portion of the remodel or redevelopment project to make improvements in order to comply with this section. In addition, if the property owner or occupant is able to show they are unable to bring the property into compliance because of the property's topography or features, then the property owner or occupant may appear before the city's Planning Commission to explain why they cannot comply. If the Planning Commission finds the property owner or occupants are unable to comply with the requirements of this section for the reasons stated above, then it may excuse the property owner or occupant from attempting to comply and instead allow them to pay an amount equal to 3% of their project directly to the city for use by the city on Gateway Green projects within the GG-O Overlay District or other Gateway and Green projects on city improvements or parks. Recommend removal. This requirement has not been enforced, and the Finance Department has no associated fund.
- (F) Definitions. For the purpose of this section, certain terms and words are hereby defined.

BUFFER YARD. A landscaped area intended to separate and partially obstruct the view of two adjacent land uses or properties from on another.

EVERGREEN PLANTING. Dense planting of evergreen plant material that creates an opaque barrier.

GATEWAY. An intersection designated as an entrance into the city or into the downtown area that is planned for additional design elements to "announce" the arrival to a special place.

LANDSCAPED AREA. The area within the boundaries of a given lot, site, or common development consisting primarily of plant material, including but not limited to grass, trees, shrubs, vines, ground cover, and other organic plant materials; or grass paver masonry units installed such that the appearance of the area is primarily landscaped.

STORMWATER RETENTION PONDS. Ponds or basins designed to hold rainwater that has run-off the surrounding landscape of lawns, roads, and rooftops.

Appendix A

**Botanical Name** 

Common Name

Appendix A

**Botanical Name** 

Common Name

**Approved Deciduous Shade Trees** 

Aesculus glabra

Ohio Buckeye

Catalpa speciosa

Northern Catalpa

Celtis occidentalis

Common Hackberry

Ginkgo biloba

Ginkgo

Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis

Honeylocust (avoid "Sunburst"; other varieties okay)

Gymnocladus dioicus

Kentucky Coffeetree

Populus deltoieds

Eastern Cottonwood (only on very large sites; may not be used for parking lot plantings)

Quercus alba

White Oak

Quercus macrocarpa

Bur Oak

Quercus macrocarpa x robur

Heritage Oak

Quercus muehlenbergii

Chinkapin Oak

Quercus robur

**English Oak** 

Tilia americana

American Linden

Tilia cordata

Littleleaf Linden

Tilia tomentosa

Silver Linden

Ulmus americana

American Elm (Dutch Elm Disease resistant varieties only)

Ulmus x sp.

Hybrid Elm (check with Development Services for specific varieties)

Due to the Emerald Ash Borer destroying large quantities of Ash trees in the Eastern United States and its progressive movement west, Ash trees will be prohibited in GG-O Districts

**Approved Small Ornamental Trees** 

Amelanchier x grandiflora

Serviceberry

Crataegus crusgalli x intermis

Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn (horizontally branching-not for use in parking lots or near sidewalks)

Crataegus ambigua

Russian Hawthorn

Malus spp.

Crabapple (choose varieties with small and persistent fruit)

Syringa reticulate

Japanese Tree Lilac

Viburnum lentago

Nannyberry Viburnum

Acer tataricum

Tatarian Maple "Hot Wings"

Prunus americana

American Plum "Princess Kay"

Quercus gambelii

Gambel Oak

**Approved Evergreen Trees** 

Abies concolor

Concolor fir

Juniperus spp.

Juniper (columnar junipers may only be used for screening purposes; will not count as required tree on street frontages)

Juniperus scopulorum

Rocky Mountain Juniper

Juniperus virginiana

Eastern Redcedar

Picea glauca var. densata

Black Hills Spruce

Picea pungens

Colorado Spruce

Pinus aristata

**Bristle Cone Pine** 

Pinus cembroides

Pinyon Pine

Pinus contorta

Lodgepole Pine

Pinus flexilis

Limber Pine (not salt tolerant; avoid use near parking lots and roadways)

Pinus nigra

Austrian Pine

Pinus ponderosa

Ponderosa Pine (not salt tolerant; avoid use near parking lots and roadways)

(Ord. 4072, passed - -2012; Ord. 4151, passed - -2015)

Monday, January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting

# **Item New Bus4**

# **Public Hearing - Ordinance Text Change**

Zoning Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 22 regarding Landscaping.

# **City of Scottsbluff Planning Commission**

**Development Services Staff Report** – Zachary Glaubius

Prepared on: January 6, 2022 For Hearing of: January 10, 2022



# I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**A.** Article 22 referred to as the landscaping code, provides standards for certain developments in the city's jurisdiction (both within corporate limits and within the extra-territorial iurisdiction.

### II. STAFF COMMENTS

- **A.** In the draft ordinance, the majority of proposed changes are incorporation of parts of the GG-O.
- **B.** One other proposed change is the requirement of landscaping in the C-1 District, which is presently exempt. Developments in the C-1 district could be exempt from the landscaping ordinance
- **C.** Further review of the landscaping code, showed some overlap between screening standards and buffer yard requirements.
- D. Additionally, some of the screening standards are counterintuitive. Such as screening car lots from street rights-of-ways. Staff is looking into splitting screening standards into two subsections with one for abutting different zoning districts and another for street right-of-ways.

# III. STAFF RECCOMENDATION

**A.** Staff recommends the Planning Commission table the revision of the Chapter 25 Article 2 to further research and discuss revisions.

### ARTICLE 22: LANDSCAPING

### Section

- 25-22-1 Definitions
- 25-22-2 Purpose
- 25-22-3 Applicability
- 25-22-4 Landscaping requirements
- 25-22-5 Materials and installation standards
- 25-22-6 Bufferyard provisions
- 25-22-7 Screening standards
- 25-22-8 Parking lot landscaping
- 25-22-9 Tree plantings
- 25-22-10 General provisions

# § 25-22-1 DEFINITIONS.

Wherever used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings stated in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

BUFFERYARD. A landscaped area intended to separate and partially obstruct the view of two adjacent land uses or properties from one another.

IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE AREA. The total horizontal area of all buildings, roofed or covered spaces, paved surface areas, walkways and driveways, and any other site improvements that decrease the ability of the surface of the site to absorb water, expressed as a percent of site area. The surface water area of pools is excluded from this definition.

LANDSCAPE. To change the natural features of a plot of ground so as to make it more attractive by adding lawns, trees, bushes, or other decorative items.

LANDSCAPED AREA. The area within the boundaries of a given lot, site, or common development consisting primarily of plant material, including but not limited to grass, trees, shrubs, vines, ground cover, and other organic plant materials; or grass paver masonry units installed such that the appearance of the area is primarily landscaped.

- (1) INTERIOR LANDSCAPED AREA. Any landscaped area within a site exclusive of required perimeter landscaping.
- (2) PERIMETER LANDSCAPED AREA. Any required landscaped area that adjoins the exterior boundary of a lot, site, or common development.

LESS INTENSIVE ZONING DISTRICT. Any zoning district which appears above another zoning district in the following list is less intensive than the other district. For example, AR Agricultural Residential is less intensive than C-1 Central Business District.

- A Agricultural
- AR Agricultural Residential
- R-1 Single-Family
- R-1a Single-Family
- R-1b Rural Residential Estate District
- R-4 Heavy Density Multiple Family

- R-6 Mobile Home
- O-P Office and Professional
- PBC Planned Business Center
- C-1 Central Business District
- C-2 Neighborhood Commercial
- C-3 Heavy Commercial
- M-1 Light Manufacturing and Industrial
- M-2 Heavy Manufacturing and Industrial

MORE INTENSIVE ZONING DISTRICT. Any zoning district which appears below another zoning district in the list which appears in the definition of LESS INTENSIVE ZONING DISTRICT in this section is more intensive than the other district. For example, C-1 Central Business District is more intensive than AR Agricultural Residential. (Ord. 3951, passed - -2007)

# § 25-22-2 PURPOSE.

The provisions of this article provide additional guidance on the development of sites within the city by addressing landscaping and screening requirements. The provisions in this article are designed to improve the appearance of the community, buffer potentially incompatible land uses from one another, and conserve the value of properties within the city and its extra-territorial jurisdiction. The provisions in this article are further intended to expedite development approval by including predictable, uniform standards for landscaping.

### § 25-22-3 APPLICABILITY.

The provisions of this section shall apply to all new development on each lot or site upon application for a preliminary or final plat, planned unit development, or building permit, except for the following:

- (A) Reconstruction or replacement of a lawfully existing use or structure following a casualty loss;
- (B) Remodeling, rehabilitation, or improvements to existing uses or structures which do not substantially change the location of structures, parking, or other site improvements;
- (C) Additions or enlargements of existing uses or structures which increase floor area or impervious coverage area by less than 20% of the building established on the site on the effective date of this chapter. Where such cumulative additions or enlargements are 20% or greater, these provisions shall apply only to that portion where the new development occurs: or
- (D) Lots unable to meet minimum requirements established for depth of landscaping, buffer zones, and parking requirements will be reviewed and approved by development services staff on a case-by-case basis as they are submitted for review of the new development.

# (E) Lots located in the C-1 District where the principal building is built along street abutting property lines including the front and side.

(Ord. 4072, passed - -2012)

# § 25-22-4 LANDSCAPING REQUIREMENTS.

- (A) Depth of landscaping. Landscaping shall be required adjacent to each street property line and shall extend from the right-of-way to a minimum depth inward of ten feet on private property for all land uses and zoning classifications. Provided however, that this requirement shall not be applicable to land in the C-1 District and to land which is in a planned unit development and which is used for single-family detached or attached (duplexes or townhouses) residential uses. dwellings (detached or attached) or two-family dwellings.
- (B) Obstructions. Landscape areas required by this chapter shall not be obstructed by any type or size of fence.
- (C) Inconsistent setback provision. In the event that the provisions of this section are inconsistent with any setback requirement applicable to a particular parcel, the provisions of this section shall control.

# § 25-22-5 MATERIALS AND INSTALLATION STANDARDS.

- (A) Official list of recommended and prohibited plant materials. Plantings shall be used in required landscaped areas consistent with the official list of recommended and prohibited plant materials, provided through the office of the City Planner Department of Development Services. All plant materials shall conform in size, species, and spacing with this section of the ordinance.
  - (B) Minimum tree and shrub plant sizes.
- (1) Evergreens shall be a minimum of five to six feet in height, measured from the top of the root ball to the top of the tree.
- (2) Streetscape, or large, deciduous trees shall be a two one- and one-half inches caliper or larger, measured twelve inches above the root ball.
- (3) Small, or ornamental, deciduous trees shall be a one and one-half inch caliper or larger, measured 12 inches above the root ball.
- (4) Shrubs, if used, shall be two-gallon size or greater, or 18 to 24 15 inches in height if balled and burlapped.
  - (5) Perennials or ornamental grasses shall be one-quart size or greater.
  - (C) Use of inorganic landscaping materials.
    - (1) No artificial trees, shrubs, plants, or turf shall be used to fulfill the minimum requirements for landscaping.
    - (2) Inorganic materials, such as stone or decorative pavers, may be used provided that such material does not comprise more than 25% of the minimum required landscaped area. When calculating the area to determine how much inorganic material may be used, the area of driveways and walkways shall not be counted.
- (23) Loose rock shall not be permitted within any required landscaped area which is within ten feet of a traveled street surface.

# § 25-22-6 BUFFERYARD PROVISIONS.

- (A) Applications. These provisions apply when use is established in a more intensive zoning district which is adjacent to a less intensive zoning district. The owner, developer, or operator of the property in the more intensive zoning district shall install and maintain a 20-foot deep landscaped bufferyard on his or her lot or site. Bufferyards are not required on single-family, duplex, or townhouse use types in the more intensive zoning district.
- (B) Landscaping in the bufferyard. Each required bufferyard shall be landscaped. Each bufferyard shall be landscaped with a minimum of one tree for each 500 square feet of bufferyard area. The majority of trees shall be evergreens. Each bufferyard shall be free of paved areas, accessways, and storage sites. Required trees must be planted in a manner to form a screen.
- (C) If a six-foot high solid wood or PVC fence or masonry wall is incorporated into the design, the buffer yard may be reduced by ten feet. Finished side of fencing will face abutting property.
- (D) When a street or public alley separates adjacent zoning districts requiring a buffer yard, no buffer yard is required. Applicable setback and landscaping requirements will still apply in these cases.

# § 25-22-7 SCREENING STANDARDS.

- (A) Application. Screening is required when one or more of the following conditions is visible from a street right-of-way, or faces toward the boundary of a less intensive zoning district:
- (1) Outdoor storage areas, cargo containers, or storage tanks, unless otherwise screened;
  - (2) Loading docks, refuse collection points, and other service areas;
  - (3) Major machinery or areas housing a manufacturing process;
- (4) Major on-site traffic circulation areas or car, truck, and/or trailer parking, including vehicle sales lots;
  - (5) Sources of glare, noise, or other environmental effects;
  - (6) Bailing or stockpiling of cardboard or other shipping or packaging materials; or
- (7) Surface parking lots with 150 or more stalls directly adjacent to less intensive districts. over 6,000 square feet.
- (8) Waste receptacles including dumpsters, garbage cans, or grease containers
- (9) Rooftop mechanical and utility equipment
- (10) Ground or wall mounted mechanical equipment including HVAC equipment, transformers, generators, and gangs of multiple utilities.
- (B) Opaque barrier. A six-foot opaque barrier shall be provided which visually screens the conditions listed in the division (A) above from less intensive uses as follows or when visible from street right-of-way:

- (1) A solid wood, PVC, and/or masonry fence or wall at least six feet in height. Construction materials and type should match building exteriors or planned on-site fencing materials;
- (2) A landscaping screen, using evergreen or deciduous materials, capable of providing a substantially opaque, hedge-like barrier and attaining a minimum height of six feet within three years of planting and a mature height of at least six feet;
- (3) A landscaped earth berm with a maximum slope of three to one, rising no less than six feet above the existing grade of the lot line separating the zoning districts; or
  - (4) Any combination of these methods that achieves a cumulative height of six feet.
- (5) Rooftop equipment shall be screened by parapet walls or an opaque enclosure around the equipment that is constructed of one of the materials used on the primary fac of the principal structure.
- (C) Screening; effect on drainage. Screening shall not adversely affect surface water drainage.
- (D) Permitted interruptions of screening. Screening may be interrupted to provide access drives to service areas or for loading purposes to buildings. Such breaks or interruptions shall not exceed 20% of the length of the required screened area.

# § 25-22-8 PARKING LOT LANDSCAPING.

Unless otherwise noted, each off-street parking facility of over 6,000 square feet shall comply with the following regulations.

- (A) Each off-street parking facility shall provide a minimum landscaped buffer along any street property line as set forth in § 25-22-4 of this article.
- (B) Each parking facility that abuts a residential district shall provide a 20-foot landscaped buffer along its common property line with the residential district.
- (C) Any parking facility which abuts property in a residential district shall provide a fence, wall, landscape screen, or earth berm not less than four feet in height for the length of the common boundary. A grade change, terrace, or other site feature which blocks the sight line of headlights into a residential property may satisfy this requirement, subject to the determination of the City Planner.
- (D) Each parking facility of over 6,000 square feet shall provide interior landscaped area equal to no less than 5% of the total paved area of the parking facility. Parking facilities within the M-1 and M-2 Districts shall be exempt from this requirement.
- (E) Landscaping or screening installed in any required landscaped area shall not obstruct the view from the off-street parking facility to any driveway approach, street, alley, or sidewalk. Landscaping shall further not obstruct any views among parking spaces and circulation ways, or visibility between vehicles and pedestrians.
- (F) All landscape islands shall have a minimum of 100 square feet of open ground.

# § 25-22-9 TREE PLANTINGS.

(A) Quantity. A required landscaped area shall be landscaped with a minimum of one tree for each 500 square feet of required landscaped area. Trees do not need to be equally

spaced. Existing trees approved for preservation shall be counted toward satisfaction of this requirement.

- (B) Trees in parking lots. Any landscaped islands required to meet the interior landscaping requirements for parking lots shall include one-and one-inch two-inch caliper or larger deciduous tree, or one, one and one-half-inch caliper or larger ornamental tree, unless a light pole is located within the island. Additional shrubs and/or ground cover shall be planted in each island.
- (C) Bonus. Any tree of an approved species planted or maintained with a caliper of three two inches or above shall count as one and one-quarter trees toward the satisfaction of the requirements of this section. An approved existing tree with a caliper of eight inches or above preserved on a site shall count as two trees toward the satisfaction of the requirements of this section.

# § 25-22-10 GENERAL PROVISIONS

- (A) Time of application. The provisions contained in this section shall be applied for each individual lot or site when an application for a preliminary or final plat, planned unit development, or a building permit is made. A landscape plan shall be submitted with each application and shall include a drawing and a written landscape management plan. The plan shall be reviewed by the City Planner for compliance with the provisions of this section.
  - (B) Maintenance of required landscaping.
- (1) Upon installation of required landscape materials, each owner shall take appropriate actions to ensure their continued health and maintenance. Required landscaping that does not remain healthy shall be replaced consistently with this section and the approved landscaping plan for the project.
- (2) Underground irrigation shall be provided for all required landscaped areas. Areas of low water use landscaping may be included but must be indicated on plans. Irrigation water must be available for the initial two years after planting to establish low-water use landscaping.
- (C) Obstruction of view. Landscaping or screening installed in any landscaped area shall not obstruct the view from or to any driveway approach, street, alley, or sidewalk.
- (D) Earth berm locations. Location of earth berms shall not impede drainage patterns. Earth berms should not be located over underground public utilities.
- (E) Exceptions. A development may continue to comply with the bufferyard and screening requirements in effect at the time of issuance of its original permit, regardless of whether an adjacent lot or site is subsequently rezoned to a less intensive district which would otherwise require compliance with bufferyard or screening provisions.
- (F) Performance guarantee. A performance guarantee will be required in the event a certificate of occupancy is issued prior to installation of all required landscaping.

### 25-22-11 NATURE-BASED STORMWATER BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) -

(A) Nature-based or natural functioning stormwater BMPs shall be landscaped and developed in such a way as to enhance or be iin harmony with the surrounding site landscape.

- (B) Examples of nature-based BMPs include, but are not limited to: bioretention, retention ponds, extended detention basins, vegetated buffers, bioswales, infiltration basins/planters/trenches, rain gardens, and/or constructed wetlands.
- (1) Features should be "free form" following the natural contours of the land. If land lacks contour, the BMP shall be created to look like a natural landscape feature. Side slopes and lines should vary to give the appearance of a natural condition.
- (2) Trees and shrub groupings shall be planted intermittently along the BMP to create the appearance of the plants naturally occurring.
  - (3). Approved erosion control measures will be required on all slopes.

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# **Item New Bus5**

# **Public Hearing - Ordinance Text Change**

Zoning Text Change to Chapter 25 Article 22 regarding Off-Street Parking.

# ARTICLE 5: OFF-STREET PARKING/LOADING

# Section

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# § 25-5-1 SPACES; REQUIRED; WHEN; NUMBER.

Whenever a lot or tract of land shall be used for any of the following purposes, the owner or occupant shall provide and maintain off-street motor vehicle parking spaces as follows.

Land Use Parking Spaces

Land Use

**Parking Spaces** 

Auction house

One space per 15 square feet gross floor area

**Bowling alley** 

Six spaces per lane

Church, mortuary, sports arena, and theater

One space per four seats

Club (residential), hotel, and rooming house

One space per two guest rooms

Dance hall, skating rink, and lodge hall

One space per 100 square feet area

Fraternity, sorority, and dormitory

One space per two occupants

General commercial use

One space per 500 square feet gross floor area

Hospital

One space per patient bed

Motel

One space per guest room

Nursing home

One space per two patient beds

Offices

One space per 400 square feet gross floor area

Residential uses (except as provided below)

One space per dwelling unit

Residential - multi-dwelling unit

One and one half-spaces per family

Residential - multi-family

One space per dwelling unit

Low income, elderly, or handicapped occupants

Residential - condominium

One space per apartment, plus one guest parking space for each five apartments

Residential - townhouse (except as provided above)

Two spaces per dwelling unit

Residential - cluster houses

Two spaces per dwelling unit

Restaurant and bar

One space per three seats

Retail store and shopping center

One space per 250 square feet gross floor area

Wholesale, warehousing, and manufacturing

One space per 1000 square feet gross floor area

Provided, in a C-1 District, no off-street parking spaces are required

A fractional requirement of one-half or more requires an additional space; a fractional requirement less than one-half does not

# § 25-5-2 EXCEPTIONS.

If the Planning Commission finds from evidence submitted to it that fewer parking stalls than this article otherwise requires are needed for a lot or tract of land used for wholesale, warehousing, or manufacturing purposes, the Planning Commission may grant a permit to construct a facility that meets the actual need though less than generally required by this article. No off-street parking spaces are required for dwelling units or residential uses in a Central Business District (C-1) District.

(Ord. 3639, passed - -2000; Ord. 4152, passed - -2015)

# § 25-5-3 INCREASED USE; MOVED BUILDING.

If a building or structure required to have an off-street parking facility is increased in size, either by increasing the number of units by 15% or more, or by increasing the building size by 15% or more, additional off-street parking spaces shall be provided. If a building or structure is moved from one lot or tract of land to another, parking facilities must be provided to the same extent required for the construction of a new building or structure. (Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

# § 25-5-4 LOCATION.

An off-street parking facility must be provided by the owner or person in possession of the premises which the facility is to serve, and shall be situated on the premises to be served by the facility. Provided, the Planning Commission may issue a special permit:

- (A) For two or more lots or tracts of land to be served by one facility; or
- (B) For a facility to be developed or used on a lot or tract of land (although such development or use otherwise would be prohibited by this chapter) for the purpose of serving an adjoining lot or tract of land in respect of which a special permit for a facility could be issued.

(Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

# § 25-5-5 SETBACK AREA.

A required off-street parking facility may not be placed in a front or side street building setback area, except as herein provided. A required off-street parking facility may be placed in a front street building setback area in Planned Business Center Districts. (Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

# § 25-5-6 STALLS.

Off-street parking stalls, designed so that each stall can function independently of any other stall, shall meet the following minimum requirement:

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Type Width Stall Maneuvering Width 90 degree 10 feet 18 feet 26 feet 60 degree 10 feet 20 feet 20 feet 45 degree 9.5 feet 19 feet 14 feet 30 degree 9.5 feet 16 feet 12 feet Parallel
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(Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

# § 25-5-7 BACK-OUT PARKING.

Back-out parking onto a public street is permitted only for single- and two-family dwellings.

(Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

### § 25-5-8 PUBLIC ALLEY.

A public alley may be used as part of the maneuvering space requirement if the adjacent parking facilities are designed to utilize it as such.

(Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

# § 25-5-9 SURFACE.

All off-street parking facilities, including approaches, loading, storage, sales, rental, service and maneuvering areas, shall be surfaced with concrete, asphalt, asphaltic concrete, or brick and shall be maintained with materials sufficient to prevent mud, dust, or loose material except as provided below:

- (1) Sites within the A, AR, and R-1B Districts are exempt from this requirement.
- (2) In residential areas, all parking spaces and driveways used for parking shall be paved, including driveways that lead to paved parking spaces.
- (3) In M-1 and M-2 Districts, the paving requirement for parking and loading areas serving industrial uses is not required. The approach from the public right-of-way plus an additional ten (10) foot of driveway on private property must be paved. In addition, disability accessible parking spaces must be paved.

All-weather surfacing is required on all off-street parking, loading, storage, sales, rental, and service areas for motor vehicles, including service stations and used car lots. (Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

# § 25-5-10 DRAINAGE.

Off-street parking facilities shall be designed and built to prevent the free flow of water onto adjacent properties. Parking lot design which discharges water onto public right-of-way is subject to review and approval by the Stormwater Specialist.

Drainage, meeting specifications approved by the Planning Commission, shall be provided for an off-street parking facility.

(Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

### § 25-5-11 BUMPER CURBS.

A raised bumper curb, not less than six inches high and not less than six inches wide, shall be provided not less than 30 inches inside and parallel to the property line of any lot or tract of land abutting a public street on an off-street parking facility now existing or hereafter established.

(Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

### § 25-5-12 WALKWAYS.

If a walkway is provided on an off-street parking facility between a building and parking stalls, it must be at least 36 inches in width.

(Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

# § 25-5-13 FENCE AND SCREEN.

A solid fence or suitable screen, not less than 48 inches in height, shall be constructed and maintained on an off-street parking facility parallel and adjacent to any line of the lot which is a common boundary line with any adjoining lot that is in an R District. (Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

## § 25-5-14 LIGHTING.

If lighting is provided for an off-street parking facility, it shall be so constructed that the lights shine away from residential areas and public streets.

(Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

# § 25-5-15 CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY; CONDITION TO ISSUANCE.

A certificate of occupancy may not be issued for any building or structure until all offstreet parking facility requirements have been met and are ready for use. (Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

# § 25-5-16 USES.

An off-street parking facility may be used only for parking automobiles; no sales activity, dead storage, repair work, dismantling, or servicing of any kind may be conducted on such a facility. Provided, if the number of off-street parking spaces provided on a lot or tract of land in an area zoned for commercial use exceeds the number of such spaces required in this article, merchandise may be offered for sale and sold on such excess spaces, and a truck used to haul such merchandise may be parked on such spaces during hours when the merchandise is being offered for sale.

(Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

# § 25-5-17 OFF-STREET LOADING FACILITIES.

Each retail trade, retail or wholesale market, warehouse, supply house, wholesale and manufacturing business, hotel, hospital, laundry or dry cleaning establishments, or both, and any other place at which large amounts of goods are received or shipped, must have adequate off-street loading and unloading facilities. For each building having 10,000 square feet of gross floor area, one off-street loading space at least ten feet wide, 14 feet high, and 40 feet long, must be provided on the premises. One additional such off-street loading space must be provided for each additional 40,000 square feet of gross floor area. No encroachment may be made on a public right-of-way.

(Ord. 3639, passed - -2000)

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# **Item Staff Rep1**

# (Informational Only):

Upcoming Panhandle Planning Workshop on January 25, 2022

2022 Schedule of Planning Commission Meetings

Annual review of Comprehensive Plan

Annual review of Subdivision and Zoning Code

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# **Item Meet1**

Confirm next meeting date of February 14, 2022