

ORDINANCE NO. ____ OF 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE CHAPTER 34 FLOOD PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE III “DRAINAGE AND STORMWATER DRAINAGE CONTROL” SEC 34-94 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATIVE TO STORMWATER DETENTION REQUIREMENTS, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER:

WHEREAS, the Shreveport City Code Chapter 34, Article III titled “Drainage and Stormwater Drainage Control” Sec 34-94 is in need of revision with regard to stormwater detention requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 34, Article III, Sec 34-94 of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Code of Ordinances shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 34-94. Building permit requirements.

- (a) No building permit shall be issued for any construction on any lot and no construction or substantial improvements shall be started on any lot that will result in more than 2,500 square feet of the pervious surface being changed to an impervious surface unless:
 - (1) The plans for the construction include provisions for stormwater detention in accordance with the requirements of this article, and
 - (2) The requirements of article IV of this chapter are met.
 - (3) A drainage report or analysis, including calculations, stamped by a professional engineer showing that the volume of stormwater runoff from the substantial improvements does not exceed the ten-year design storm event.
- (b) In the drainage basin of Ockley Ditch and its tributaries and in flood-sensitive areas, no building permit shall be issued for any construction on any lot and no construction shall be started on any lot that will result in changes to the existing impervious surface unless the plans for the construction include provisions for stormwater detention in accordance with the requirements of this article.
- (c) All building permit applications on any lot covered by this article shall be submitted to the city engineer for examination. The plans shall be accompanied by a survey or a sketch of the lot with the location of proposed improvements shown together with a drainage report and drainage plan, and all other information required by article IV of this chapter. The city engineer shall either approve the stormwater detention and land-altering activity provisions, require changes to comply with this article and/or article IV of this chapter, or disapprove the plans within ten days. If the proposed stormwater detention or land-altering activity plans are not approved, the city engineer will state in writing the reasons for disapproval. Disapproval of the plans

or requiring changes to the plans to be made shall be considered and appealed from as a denial of a building permit.

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

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

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of [Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23](#).

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

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office