

FACT SHEET

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

TITLE

An ordinance to amend various articles and sections in the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, Unified Development Code, for the purpose of adding new definitions related to sober living home, and to otherwise provide with respect thereto.

DATE

9/23/2024

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT

MPC

COUNCIL DISTRICT

City-Wide

SPONSOR

No Sponsor

PURPOSE

To amend the code text in the Shreveport Unified Development Code.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

MPC Case #24-06-CTAC recommends three (3) text amendments related to housing and accommodation. The changes aim to clarify language and ensure compliance with federal and state laws. Key updates include:

- Revising the definition of "Family" to encompass various living arrangements,
- Aligning the definition of "Handicapped" with federal standards,
- Introducing a definition for "Reasonable Accommodation" to address accessibility for persons with disabilities, and
- Defining "Sober Living Home" as a single-family dwelling for individuals recovering from addiction.

The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) staff recommended approval of these amendments, noting they are consistent with the city's master plan, promote public welfare, and reflect changes in policy.

The MPC Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of the application.

TIMETABLE

Introduction: 09/24/2024

Final Passage: 10/08/2024

ATTACHMENTS

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

MPC Recommendation. Pursuant to La. R.S. 33:140.27 and La. R.S. 33:140.35, as amended, no amendment shall become effective unless it be first submitted to and approved (recommendation) by the MPC. The MPC reviewed these amendments and provided a favorable recommendation on September 4, 2024. Therefore, the City Council may render its decision to approve the amendments by a simple majority vote. See La. R.S. 33:140.27 and 35, as amended, and Shreveport UDC 16.1 (D)(3)(b).

Notice and Public Hearing at MPC. In accordance with the intent of La. R.S. 33:140.27 and La. R.S. 33:140.35, as amended, for a Public Hearing and Notice to be issued, the MPC held a Public Hearing at its Public Meeting on September 4, 2024, before voting on the proposed amendments. At least ten (10) days' notice of the time and place of the Public Hearing was published on August 21, 2024, in The Shreveport Times (a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality).

<u>FINANCES</u>	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>
\$ \$0	N/A

ALTERNATIVES

(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) amend the ordinance, or (3) reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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