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**ORDINANCE NO. 21,079**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 36  
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK TO  
ALLOW THE USE OF LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID); AND,  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Little Rock is committed to reducing the volume of nonpoint source runoff, including stormwater, flowing into its storm sewer system, improving the water quality of its surface waters, and decreasing underground stormwater conveyance that may ultimately runoff into the Arkansas River; and,

**WHEREAS**, Unlike traditional stormwater management, which collects and conveys stormwater runoff through storm drains, pipes, or other conveyances to a centralized stormwater facility, Low Impact Development (LID) takes a different approach. It utilizes design techniques to maintain as closely as practical the site's pre-development runoff rates and volumes for the required rainfall event. The goal of LID is to mimic a site's pre-development hydrology by using design techniques that infiltrate, filter, store, evaporate, and detain runoff close to the source; and,

**WHEREAS**, the current City of Little Rock Zoning Ordinance does not currently allow the utilization of LID techniques as an option for stormwater management requirements in land development projects without first having to obtain a variance from the City of Little Rock Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the City of Little Rock to amend its current zoning ordinance to allow Low Impact Development (LID); and,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:**

**Section 1.** Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 36-508 (1988) is hereby amended to add a second paragraph to read as follows:

Low Impact Development (LID) facilities and techniques are allowed to be used for parking lot design and construction, unless conditions make LID infeasible as determined by the Director of Public Works or his/her designee. LID techniques for parking lot design include, but are not limited to, pervious surfacing and bioretention swales. Pervious surfacing may be an option for all or a portion of the vehicular use area depending on the use, soil conditions and associated vehicular traffic. Pervious surfacing

1 includes, but is not limited to, paving blocks, pervious concrete and porous asphalt. The  
2 surface of the vehicular use area shall be maintained to comply with the approved plan.

3 **Section 2.** Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 36-510 (1988) is hereby amended to add a second  
4 paragraph to read as follows:

5 Low Impact Development (LID) techniques are allowed when integrating stormwater  
6 management facilities.

7 **Section 3.** Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code § 36-521(c)(1) (1988) is hereby amended to read as  
8 follows::

9 (1) Plantings, trees, groundcover and ornamental or structural embellishments as  
10 may be required by the landscape ordinance. Low Impact Development (LID) facilities  
11 and techniques are permitted in the landscape design.

12 **Section 4. Severability.** In the event any title, section, paragraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or  
13 word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or  
14 adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of the ordinance which shall remain in full force and  
15 effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional were not originally a part  
16 of the ordinance.

17 **Section 5. Repealer.** All laws, ordinances, resolutions, or parts of the same that are inconsistent with  
18 the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

19 **PASSED: August 4, 2015**

20 **ATTEST:**

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23 Susan Langley, City Clerk

**APPROVED:**

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26 Mark Stodola, Mayor

27 **APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

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30 Bill Mann, Chief Deputy City Attorney

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