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WHEREAS, the regulations on motor vehicle parking on residential properties were established pursuant to Little Rock, Ark. Ordinance No. (“LRNO”) 15,842 (April 17, 1990) and amended, in part, by LRNO 20,231 (March 2, 2010) and LRNO 21,373 (March 21, 2017); and,

WHEREAS, there is now a need to clarify the ordinance concerning motor vehicle parking on residential properties as to clarify the requirements for driveways and parking pads, to more clearly delineate prohibited parking activities, and to amend the process of obtaining a variance for additional parking pads in cases of hardship.

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

Section 1. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapter 36, Article VIII, Section 36-513, subsection (d) is deleted in its entirety and replaced with new text as follows:

Sec. 36-513. – Motor Vehicle Parking on Residential Properties.

(d) No person, including any owner, tenant, manager, or occupant of property used as a residence, shall allow any person to, keep, store, or park any motor vehicle on any portion of a front yard or corner street side yard, as defined in subsection (c) of this Section, except on a paved designated driveway area, an unpaved designated driveway area, or parking pad not to exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the front yard or corner street side yard. The unpaved, designated driveway area or parking pad must be surfaced with gravel or similar material or hard-packed in a manner that does not result in the creation of dust, mud, silt, or standing water. For purposes of this subsection:

- (1) A designated driveway area shall be defined as the clearly delineated and defined paved or unpaved path from the adjacent street to any garage or carport attached to the residence;
- (2) No more than twenty-five (25) percent of the front yard or corner street side yard shall be used for driveway and off-street parking purposes;

- (3) The restriction limiting parking area to twenty-five (25) percent of the front yard or corner street side yard shall not prohibit construction of a twenty (20) foot wide and twenty (20)-foot long driveway or driveway area;
- (4) The twenty-foot width limitation shall not apply to a paved or unpaved designated driveway, provided the driveway does not exceed the width of the garage or carport;
- (5) The twenty-foot length limitation shall not apply to a paved or unpaved designated driveway, provided the driveway does not exceed the distance from the adjacent street to the carport or garage;
- (6) The twenty-foot length limitation shall not apply to clearly delineated and defined paved or unpaved circular driveways;
- (7) Hard packed means any improved surface that is stabilized and provides appropriate dust control and limited permeability including pavers, concrete, asphalt, or other similar parking material;
- (8) Any parking pad that is not paved shall be delineated in some manner that clearly defines and identifies the boundaries of the parking area and does not exceed twenty five percent of the front yard or corner street side yard;
- (9) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to special public events such as, but not limited to, football games at War Memorial Stadium, or the Arkansas State Fair and Livestock Exposition;
- (10) The provisions of this subsection shall not apply on nationally recognized holidays, or to special private events such as, but not limited to, a private party or reception, if the private event lasts no more than six (6) hours during one (1) calendar day;
- (11) Any individual seeking any additional paved or unpaved parking pad(s) may seek a variance pursuant to the guidelines in subsection (e); and
- (12) Any designated parking area shall comply with the obstruction provision of section 32-8 of the Code of Ordinances.

Section 2. Little Rock, Ark., Rev. Code Chapter 36, Article VIII, Section 36-513, subsection (e) is amended as follows:

Sec. 36-513 – Motor Vehicle Parking on Residential Properties.

(e) The ~~planning director~~ Board of Adjustment may approve variances from the provisions established by this section provided the property owner can evidence a circumstance or hardship unique to the property. ~~Appeals from the administrative judgment of the staff shall be filed with the board of adjustment. The content of the filing shall consist of:~~ Applications to the Board of Adjustment for a variance shall consist of:

- (1) A cover letter addressed to the chairman and members of the board of adjustment setting forth the request;
- (2) A copy of all pertinent graphic materials or correspondence.

~~This filing shall occur within thirty (30) calendar days of the action by the staff.~~

Section 3. Severability. In the event any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, subparagraph, item, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining provisions of this ordinance, as if such invalid or unconstitutional provision was not originally a part of this ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions, bylaws, and other matters inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 5. Emergency Clause. *There is hereby found and declared to be an immediate need for the amendment to the Little Rock, Ark. City Code which benefits the public health, safety, and welfare of the City and the inhabitants thereof. It is therefore declared that an emergency exists and this Ordinance, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and welfare, shall be in force and take effect immediately upon and after its passage.*

PASSED: April 1, 2025

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Allison Segars, City Clerk

Frank Scott, Jr., Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Thomas M. Carpenter, City Attorney

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