

ORDINANCE NO. 14-15**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2009 UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors passed and approved Ordinance No. 36-09 which adopted the Unified Development Ordinance on May 19, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend certain sections of the Unified Development Ordinance to provide clarity and remove conflicts with other provisions of the municipal code; and,

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding these amendments and recommended on January 13, 2015, that said changes be made; and,

WHEREAS, three (3) copies of February 2015 Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance have been on file in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Fort Smith for inspection and review by the public prior to the passage of this Ordinance; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH THAT:

SECTION 1: The February 2015 Amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance is hereby adopted.

SECTION 2: The codifier shall codify the new sections and amend the existing sections of the Unified Development Ordinance.

SECTION 3: It is hereby found and determined that the adoption of these amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance is necessary to alleviate an emergency created by the lack

of regulation of uses of property within the City of Fort Smith so that the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the City requires that the amendments be effective, and the amendment is hereby made effective, as of the date of approval of this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 3rd DAY OF February, 2015.

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



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provided they are erected in compliance with the provisions of the Fort Smith Sign Regulations.

7. Gasoline sales are permitted under the following conditions:
 - a. Pump islands shall be located a minimum of twenty (20) feet from any public right-of-way.
 - b. Island canopy overhangs shall be located at least ten (10) feet from any public right-of-way and must have a height of at least twelve (12) feet. Supportive posts of canopies shall be located at least twenty (20) feet from any public right-of-way.
8. The following structures are exempt from setback regulations as specified below:
 - a. Patios, terraces, walks, and driveways provided they are at grade, and do not have enclosed walls or a roof;
 - b. Ramps for the purpose of meeting accessibility requirements provided they do not have enclosed walls or a roof;
 - c. Fences;
9. Residential property platted prior to the effective date (August 12, 2009) of the UDO is permitted to use the 15' exterior side yard setback. This exemption does not include multifamily developments.

D. Height

1. Measurement. Building height is the mean vertical distance from the average ground level at the minimum front setback to the highest permanent part of the building or structure.
2. A structure may not be more than the maximum allowable feet high at the minimum side setback line, but for each addition foot of horizontal setback in excess of the minimum, the height may be increased by one foot. The height of a gabled end of a building shall be measured at the midpoint of the gable instead of the peak of the gable.
3. The following structures may be exempted from the height requirements in the various districts if they are not detrimental to neighboring property and are approved by the city building official: