

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 6.5.I.6 OF THE CITY OF BEAUFORT UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO PERMIT PARKING IN THE SETBACK AREA ON SINGLE-FAMILY AND TWO-FAMILY LOTS

WHEREAS, the Unified Development Ordinance, as adopted in 2003, does not permit parking in setback areas on single-family lots; and

WHEREAS, the previous Zoning Ordinance permitted parking in setback areas on single-family lots, and there were no known complaints associated with this practice; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting parking in the side setback area will likely require new lots to be wider, at a time when the City is encouraging smaller, narrower lots; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting parking in the setback area will eliminate opportunities for shared driveways which are to be encouraged on collector or high-traffic streets; and

WHEREAS, staff has prepared an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance that eliminates the prohibition on parking in the setback area on single-family and two-family lots; and

WHEREAS, this amendment has been presented to the City of Beaufort--Town of Port Royal Joint Municipal Planning Commission and the Commission recommended approval; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing before the Beaufort City Council was held regarding this ordinance amendment on August 24, 2010, with notice of the hearing published in *The Beaufort Gazette* on August 9, 2010;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina, duly assembled and by authority of same, pursuant to the power vested in the Council by Section 6-29-760, *Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976*, that *The Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Beaufort, South Carolina* be amended as follows:

Revise Section 6.5.I.6, "Measurement and Exceptions; Yards; Features Allowed Within Setbacks," by deleting the current paragraph c, and replacing it with a new paragraph c to read as follows:

- c. Driveways may be located in setbacks on single-family and two-family lots. On all other lots, driveways may be located in front and street side setbacks and in rear setbacks if an alley is provided.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

(SEAL)

Attest:

BILLY KEYSERLING, MAYOR

IVETTE BURGESS, CITY CLERK

1st Reading

2nd Reading & Adoption

Reviewed by:

WILLIAM B. HARVEY, III, CITY ATTORNEY