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SHREVEPORT UDC CODE TEXT AMENDMENT SUMMARY: 24-08-CTAC

— Administrative Exception to Zoning—

The Shreveport Unified Development Code ("Shreveport UDC" or "UDC") undergoes regular review by MPC staff in an attempt to better ensure sound, stable and desirable development within the City of Shreveport. Periodically, revisions are required. Sometimes those revisions reflect the changing nature of business in the community, and sometimes they are to correct "errors" in the Code.

REQUEST: MPC Case #24-08-CTAC recommends revising *Article 16. Zoning Application Approval Processes, Section 16.7. Administrative Exception to Zoning of the Shreveport Unified Development Code (UDC). Subsection 16.7.C.-Authority* authorizes the Executive Director to grant certain administrative exceptions to provide relief from carrying out a requirement of this Code that may cause a minor practical difficulty. This amendment updates those exceptions, matching the same language used in *Section 106* of the previous zoning Code.

**MASTER PLAN
CONSISTENCY:**

Staff certifies that the proposed UDC amendments are consistent with the Shreveport-Caddo 2030 Great Expectations Master Plan:

- Ensuring equitable health and safety outcomes for all
- Ensuring regulatory processes are responsive, efficient, more customer friendly,
- Revising regulations for best practices and enforcement

STAFF ANALYSIS:

This request proposes a revision to the *Shreveport Unified Development Code (UDC)*, specifically targeting *Article 16, Section 16.7*, which deals with Administrative Exceptions to Zoning. The amendment aims to update the authority of the Executive Director in granting certain administrative exceptions. These exceptions are intended to provide relief from Code requirements that may cause minor practical difficulties in implementation.

The proposed change seeks to align the language of these exceptions with *Section 106* of the previous zoning code—suggesting a desire for consistency and possibly a return to previously established practices.

This amendment could potentially streamline certain zoning processes by allowing the Executive Director more flexibility in addressing minor issues without requiring a full review process (i.e., a variance to zoning). MPC staff carefully considered the specific language changes to ensure they do not inadvertently create loopholes or undermine the overall intent of the UDC. Staff reviewed the exact wording of the proposed exceptions and compared them to both the current exceptions and the previous zoning code to fully understand the implications of this change.

RECOMMENDATION: MPC Staff concludes that the recommendation to APPROVE these code text amendments is warranted.