

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, AMENDING THE LAND USE ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCLUSION OF DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the zoning ordinance for the City of Arkadelphia provides for minimum design standards for the zoning districts, and

WHEREAS, there is a community need to provide for increased design standards in some areas of Arkadelphia to establish design themes in developing or redeveloping areas, and

WHEREAS, design overlay districts have been a proven method of providing enhanced design standards.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA:

**Section 1.** The Land Use Ordinance, Part 1 - Zoning, is hereby amended to add Article 5-9 to read as follows:

Article 5-9 DESIGN OVERLAY DISTRICT (DOD)

The design overlay districts are established to provide for enhanced design standards in addition to those already required in the zoning district.

A. Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of the DOD can vary from district to district to accomplish the goals and objectives of that district. Some of the purposes could:

1. To give particular attention to the existing architectural style or to a style which is planned so as to create an easily identifiable corridor in those districts identified as architecturally significant.
2. To encourage the redevelopment of an area consistent with a particular design theme.
3. To give special attention to signage, landscaping, parking, lighting, building setbacks and other design elements to create a uniform and functioning corridor.
4. To promote the safe and efficient use of an arterial roadway by controlling access and other traffic measures.

B. Districts Established

The City Board of Directors may establish design overlay districts as the needs are identified in order to implement specific purpose, intent, and design standards based upon an adopted land use plan for the area being regulated, which shall be applied as additional standards to other ordinance regulations required by the City.

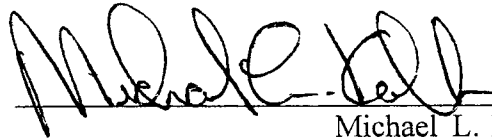
C. Development Criteria

The development criteria for a particular DOD will be those standards as set out in each design overlay district.

**Section 2.** Due to importance of swift action to establish design overlay districts for the reconstruction of Arkadelphia after the March 1, 1997 tornado, an emergency is declared and this ordinance shall be in full force and effected from and after its passage.


Passed and approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1997

FOR THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA



Michael L. Kolb, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Nancy Anderson, City Clerk