

ORDINANCE 0-97-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ARKADELPHIA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, ORDINANCE NO. 425, FOR THE INCLUSION OF REZONINGS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THEIR OWN MOTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, there are unique circumstances in which the City Board of Directors will need to rezone property on their own initiative rather than an application begun by the property owner, and

WHEREAS, zoning is a police power granted to the Cities by the state of Arkansas, and

WHEREAS, the zoning of large areas with many owners can sometimes only be accomplished by the City beginning the process.

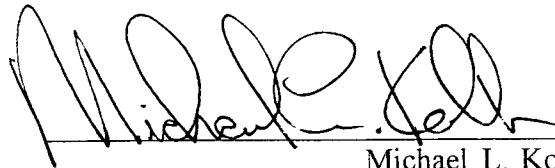
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF ARKADELPHIA, ARKANSAS;

Section 1. Chapter VII Article 8-2 is hereby amended to add to a new paragraph to read as follows:


- E. If the City Board of Directors wants to consider the rezoning of any property on its own motion, the City Clerk shall first give notice by a one-time publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the city of the time and place and date of the hearing fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. There shall be published with the legal notice a legible rezoning map accompanied by an entitlement describing the general area under consideration and giving street boundaries or otherwise describing the boundaries so as to be readily identifiable. the map shall be accompanied by a legal description delineating the property to be rezoned.

Section 2. Due to the importance of swift action to establish this rezoning procedure, an emergency is declared and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 15TH DAY OF MAY, 1997



Michael L. Kolb, Mayor


Nancy Anderson, City Clerk