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CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AMENDMENTS TO APOPKA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Apopka proposes to amend the Land Development Code of the City of Apopka, Florida in accordance with Florida Statutes 166.0413(3)(c) and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7(B), to revise sections of said Land Development Code as specified within the Ordinance title and within Ordinance Number 3021. The proposed amendments affect or may affect the use of property, the development of building and structures, and the development review process for land located within the jurisdiction of the City of Apopka, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 3021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA BY AMENDING PART III - LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; ARTICLE 3 - ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.3 RESIDENTIAL BASE ZONING DISTRICTS, 3.3.7. RMF RESIDENTIAL MULTI-FAMILY DISTRICT; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 3 - ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.3. RESIDENTIAL BASE ZONING DISTRICT, 3.3.8. RESIDENTIAL MIXED-USE DISTRICT; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 3 - ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.6. SPECIAL PURPOSE ZONING DISTRICTS, 3.6.3. MIXED-USE DOWNTOWN DISTRICT; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 3 - ZONING DISTRICTS, SECTION 3.7. PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT, 3.7.2. PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 4 - USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 4.2 PRINCIPAL USES, TABLE 4.2.2.C. PRINCIPAL USE TABLE; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 4 - USE REGULATIONS, SECTION 4.3. ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES, TABLE 4.3.2.B. ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES TABLE; BY AMENDING PART III, ARTICLE 5 - DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, SECTION 5.1. OFF-STREET PARKING, BICYCLE PARKING AND LOADING STANDARDS, 5.1.8. OFF-STREET PARKING ALTERNATIVES, H. ALTERNATIVE SURFACING MATERIALS FOR PARKING AREAS; BY AMENDING PART III, APPENDIX D - DEVELOPMENT DESIGN GUIDELINES, 3. RESIDENTIAL DESIGN GUIDELINES, 3.2.3. BALCONIES AND PORCHES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3021 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Text Amendments can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
AMENDMENTS TO
APOPKA CODE OF ORDINANCES**

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Apopka proposes an amendment to the City of Apopka Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Section 18-49 as specified within the title of Ordinance 3022. The proposed amendments may affect the development of building and structures, and the development review process for land located within the jurisdiction of the City of Apopka, Florida.

ORDINANCE NO. 3022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 18, BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, SECTION 18-49, BY AMENDING THE REJECTION OR CORRECTION NOTICES FEES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Notice is given that a public hearing for Ordinance Number 3022 will be held by the **City of Apopka City Council** at its regularly scheduled meeting in the City Council Chambers of the Apopka City Hall, 120 E. Main Street, Apopka, Florida on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.**

Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearings to speak. The proposed Text Amendments can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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Homeless: \$30,000 must be raised to purchase land

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E. Eighth Street, across
the street from Loaves and
Fishes.

According to Schorejs, the NSF has to raise \$30,000 to purchase the land then the resource center could get built there.

"I'm of this opinion, if we can get something built on it that we can get started on, it's not going to – it's not a big enough property that it's going to be long term for us, but even if we got three or four years to prove that what we're doing is beneficial to the city, and it makes a difference in people's lives, at some point, we could always sell it and move on to a bigger location," Schoreis said.

The August 29 meeting followed up on information received at its August 8 community meeting regarding two primary issues: the establishment of ARC and the Apopka shelter.

The ARC would provide a hub for local government, local businesses, and faith-based organizations to

coordinate efforts in helping the needy of the community. The shelter would provide a safe, transitional place for homeless to stay as they move from crisis to stability.

"If we all work together, we believe that we can make a dent in the what seems to be worsening situation when it comes to not just the homeless, but to be honest with you, it'll get worse if we're not prepared because there are many people who are close to being out of their homes, either through eviction or as rents continue to go up," Schoreis said.

It was recommended at the meeting that several local organizations, churches and ministries could be looked to as models for the ARC and the Apopka Shelter such as Orlando Union Rescue Mission, Coalition for the Homeless, and Matthew's Hope.

The meetings resumed in July after a two-year pause that was caused by the pandemic and the relocation of a local nonprof-

it representative, who was helping the churches set up ARC.

What NSF still needs help with

NSF still needs help with reinstating its 501(c)3, which the foundation lost during COVID because there was a change in the board and some reports weren't getting sent in, Schorejs explained. He added that the paperwork was submitted and the foundation is still waiting on a response.

Then there is also an issue with specific planning. To achieve this, the NSF board wants to create what it calls research and planning teams to lend their knowledge and expertise, and is seeking volunteers to join the teams.

The next NSF community meeting is Tuesday, September 19, 6 p.m. for the board, and 6:30 p.m. for the community at the First Presbyterian Church of Apopka, 500 S. Highland Ave., Apopka.

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Byrd: Visiting all 28 schools in District 7 is my goal each new school year

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you would like to join in, it's super easy to register. Just go to re-imaginemcommunities.org for information on how to start logging your minutes!

We are also looking for sponsors for the program. Our sponsors will help provide incentives and events throughout the challenge to

keep the kids excited and most of all - reading! Information on sponsoring can also be found at the website above.

Besides getting the reading challenge off the ground, I've been trying to get in all of my first round of visits to the schools in District 7.

I like to start every year with a visit to each of

the 28 schools in District 7 within the first nine weeks of school.

Each visit is different, but I always try to spend some time sitting with the principal discussing what is going well and what challenges they might have that I can help with.

Then I often get to walk the campus with the principal and visit with

staff and our amazing students.

I have already had a fantastic time at the 12 visits I've had so far.

The climate in our schools is so positive and the students seem so engaged already in their new classrooms.

Soon I will begin my student advisory groups as well. This is one of my fa-

vorite times of year when I hold my first round of meetings with student groups from each of the three high schools in District 7.

These meetings allow me to listen to the students and hear the things that they love about their schools and the things that are challenging and their insight into some of the

problems they see. Their input is so valuable to me and really helps inform some of the decisions I make on the board.

It's such a great feeling to be back in school and to find myself spending time with my favorite people: administrators, staff and students.

Our schools are great places to be!

Moore: Goal is to save area beauty

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nance changes deal mainly with developing new properties. So, there should be no fear about over-regulation, and these updated ordinances impacting existing residential areas.

New regulations will state: Regulated trees located in areas proposed as open space must be retained. Heritage and specimen trees shall be preserved to the maximum extent practical, with minimal disturbance to the natural grade. Changes to the existing grade of a site that will impact trees shall only occur when necessary to meet county code, or other regulatory requirements. Trees may only be removed where required fill or site grading exceeds 24 inches from natural grade. Trees may be relocated to other areas of a development side

to accommodate grading challenges. Relocated trees may be subject to a monitoring period with success criteria. A project site must not be left cleared in an undeveloped state following land clearing activities for more than 90 days before commencement of construction.

Tree removal authorization associated with residential, commercial, institutional, or recreational development plans shall preserve specimen trees and heritage trees as follows: these trees may not be removed within property line setback areas or buffer areas. If located within a proposed parking lot or near a stormwater pond, specimen and heritage trees must be incorporated into the overall design, heritage trees must be incorporated into the design of a single family residential preliminary

subdivision plan.

In Chapter 24 – Landscaping, Buffering and Open Space, there is a list of recommended replacement and restricted trees. For brevity's sake, I will only list the larger or canopy trees. (Red Maple, Scrub Hickory, Pignut Hickory, Pecan, Green Ash, Eastern Red Cedar, Sweet Gum, Tulip Tree, Southern Magnolia, Black Gum, Slash Pine, Southern Red Oak, Sand Live Oak, Turkey Oak, Laurel Oak, Swamp Chestnut Oak, Water Oak, Shumard Oak, Love Oak, Bald Cypress, Winged Elm, and Chinese Elm.

Trees are God's gift to us.

I hope this updated ordinance will help preserve more trees during construction of new subdivisions.

I want to preserve Orange County's natural beauty.

Hayden: Discipline gains respect

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rearing children.

A lot of wisdom is found in different books of the Bible, but most has been found in the book of Hebrews, which was written basically to tell the Hebrew people to stop acting like Hebrews. The specific scriptures I studied to gain more understanding were verses 5-12 of the 12th chapter of Hebrews. In the King James Bible, there are strong words to tell us that if we do not experience chastening, then we are illegitimate, and not His children at all. Because it says He chastens His children because He loves us.

Applying His teaching, I tried to emulate His example. I would warn my children one time, in a loving, but determined voice. If he or she did not stop the derogatory behavior, I would call them to me and apply the board of education to the seat of knowledge.

It wasn't long before I would get an immediate response to my vocal direction.

I have an anecdotal in-

stance to share. One year, my wife and I took a trip to Indiana in the middle of winter to show the kids snow. We arrived in the middle of a winter wonderland where snow was about a foot deep in the fields and drifted about four feet high. We went to a city park situated along the St. Joe River and I backed up to the river to let the kids out to play in the middle of that snowy park. There were six-foot bushes that ringed the park and we were sitting across from an opening in the bushes.

The small road that went through the park came down a small hill and curved past the opening. It was getting late in the day, and we wanted to get to my mom's house, so I called the kids to come to the van so we could leave. The two oldest started running for the van, dragging the youngest through the snow, laughing and not paying any attention to anything but the snowplow effect of the youngest as he was drug through the snow. I noticed out of the corner of my eye a car starting down the hill.

The kids and the car were on a collision course. The road was iced over, and I knew that even if the driver braked, he wouldn't be able to keep from hitting the kids. At that time, I was working for the Apopka Fire Department, and I had a bullhorn on my bumper. I grabbed my mic and yelled "stop!" Immediately, they slid to a stop, and the car, seeing the kids, had hit his brakes and slid past where the kids would have been if they would have used, "you can't tell us what to do!" attitude.

Have I practiced that form of parenting without fail? Sadly, no. It's hard work to keep GOD's standard in anything, but when we attempt His way, the ending always blesses with peace.

I believe we have been slack in our efforts to raise our children the way it takes to make them peace loving, respectful, responsible Americans.

I also want to say, We CAN tell you what to do because we love you and we want you to be the best whatever you decide!

CITY OF APOPKA PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE FUTURE LAND USE AMENDMENT AND CHANGE OF ZONING

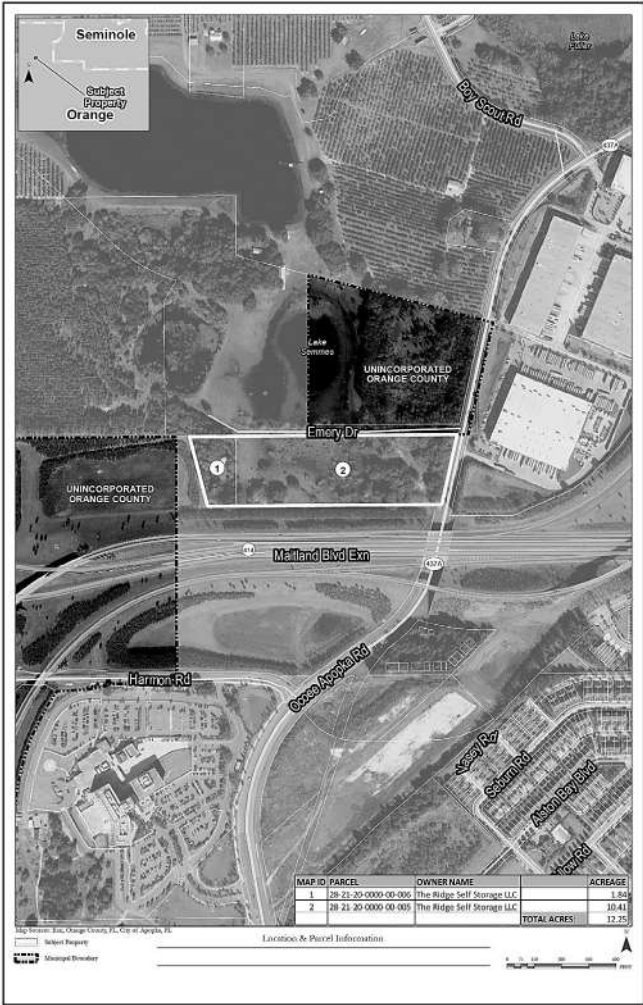
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Secs. 163.3184 and 166.041(3)(a), Florida Statutes and the Apopka Code of Ordinances, Part III, Land Development Code, Article II, Section 2.4.7.B, that **JOSHUA EDMONDSON, POULOS & BENNETT, LLC** has made application relating to the following described property.

ORDINANCE NO. 3019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM MIXED-USE TO INDUSTRIAL FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF OCOEE-APOPKA ROAD AND NORTH OF SR 414, OWNED BY THE RIDGE SELF-STORAGE, LLC COMPRISING 12.25 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 3020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM T (TRANSITIONAL) TO I-L (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF OCOEE-APOPKA ROAD AND NORTH OF SR 414; OWNED BY THE RIDGE SELF-STORAGE, LLC COMPRISING 12.25 ACRES, MORE OR LESS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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Affected parties and the public may appear at the above listed hearing to speak. The proposed Future Land Use and Rezoning Applications can be inspected at the Apopka Community Development Department located at Apopka City Hall on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. City Hall address shown below. Please be advised that, under State law, if you decide to appeal a decision made with respect to this matter, you will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these proceedings should contact the City Clerk's Office at 120 East Main Street, Apopka FL 32703, Telephone: 407-703-1704, no less than 48 hours prior to the proceeding.

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