

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BASTROP CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 14, THE BASTROP BUILDING BLOCK (B3) CODE, CHAPTER 10, DEFINITIONS, ADDING DEFINITIONS FOR NATIVE PLANTS, INVASIVE PLANTS, AND ISA-CERTIFIED ARBORIST AS ATTACHED IN EXHIBIT A; AND PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE, PROPER NOTICE, AND MEETING.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 51.001, the City Council of the City of Bastrop has general authority to amend an ordinance that is for the good government, peace, or order of the City and is necessary or proper for carrying out a power granted by law to the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Chapters 211, 212, 214, and 217 the City Council of the City of Bastrop has general authority to regulate planning, zoning, subdivisions, trees and the construction of buildings; and

WHEREAS, these amendments are add definitions introduced with these amendments in order to add clarity.

WHEREAS, the City Council find that certain amendments to the aforementioned ordinances are necessary and reasonable to meet changing conditions and are in the best interest of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. Finding of Fact: The facts and recitations set forth in the preamble of this Ordinance are hereby found to be true and correct.

Section 2. Amendment To Bastrop Building Block Code (B3), Chapter 10 Definitions is hereby amended and shall read in accordance with Exhibit "A", which is attached hereto and incorporated into this Ordinance for all intents and purposes. Any struck-through text shall be deleted from the Code, as shown in each of the attachments.

Section 3. Severability. If any clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be unenforceable for any reason, such unenforceable clause or provision shall be severed from the remaining portion of the Ordinance, which shall continue to have full force and effect.


Section 4. Repeal. This Ordinance shall be and is hereby cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Bastrop, Texas, and this Ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other Ordinances, are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its final passage and any publication in accordance with the requirements of the City of Bastrop and the laws of the State of Texas.


READ & ACKNOWLEDGED on First Reading on this the 11th day of February 2025.

READ & ADOPTED on Second Reading on this the 25th day of February 2025.

APPROVED:

by: 
John Kirkland, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


City Secretary
Victoria Psenak, Assistant City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

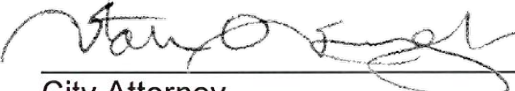

City Attorney



Exhibit A

Historic District shall mean a geographically defined neighborhood or area that has a significant historical, architectural, or cultural significance to the overall character and identity of the City.

Historic Landmark shall mean a Site, and/or all Structure(s), located thereon , that have been designated by the City through criteria established within this article.

Homeowners Association shall mean an incorporated or unincorporated association that is designated as the representative of the owners of the property in the Suburban Subdivision that: (1) has a membership primarily consisting of the owners of the property covered by the dedicatory instrument for the Suburban Subdivision, and (2) manages and/or regulates the Suburban Subdivision for the benefit of the owners of property in the Subdivision.

House shall mean a single Dwelling unit Edgeyard Building on a regular Lot.

Incremental shall mean characterizing progress, such as the evolution of a Building parcel or a City, accomplished one small step at a time.

Invasive Plants - plants that are not native to a particular habitat, and once introduced, they move aggressively into a habitat and monopolize resources such as light, nutrients, water, and space to the detriment of other species.

Inventory shall mean a list of properties that have been identified and evaluated as meeting specified criteria of significance as a contributing or non-contributing historic Structure or Site.

IBC/ ICC (International Building Code/ International Code Council) shall mean the Code or Codes adopted by the City of Bastrop to ensure public health and safety of buildings, including all related Codes.

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Infill/ Infill Development shall mean Non-new Development on land that had been previously developed, including most Greyfield and Brownfield Sites and cleared land within Urbanized areas. verb- to develop such areas.

Inflatable Sign shall mean an inflatable device, with or without a message, figure, or design attached to its surface designed to attract attention.

ISA-Certified Arborist - International Society of Arboriculture tested and certified to have a professional level of knowledge and skill in the field of arboriculture.

Layer shall mean a range of depth of a Lot within that certain elements are permitted.

First Layer	The area of a Lot from the Frontage Line to the Facade of the Principal Building.
Second Layer	The area of a Lot set behind the First Layer to a depth of 20 feet in all Place Types.
Third Layer	The area of a Lot set behind the Second Layer and extending to the rear Lot Line.

Light Trespass shall mean light emitted from fixtures designed or installed in a manner that unreasonably causes light to fall on a property other than the one where the light is installed, in a motor vehicle drivers' eyes, or upwards toward the sky.

Lighting shall mean any source of light that does not include natural light emitted from celestial objects or fire. The term includes any type of Lighting, fixed or movable, designed or used for outdoor illumination of buildings or homes, including Lighting for billboards, streetlights, canopies, gasoline station islands, searchlights used for advertising purposes, externally or internally illuminated on- or off-Premises advertising Signs, and area-type Lighting. The term includes Luminous Elements or Lighting attached to Structures, poles, the earth, or any other location.

Liner Building shall mean a Building specifically designed to mask a parking Lot or a Parking Structure from a Frontage.

Lightwell shall mean a Private Frontage type with a below grade entrance or recess entrance designed to allow light into basements or lower levels.

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Manufactured Home shall mean a Structure, transportable in one (1) or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when attached to the required utilities. The term "Manufactured Home" does not include a "recreational vehicle."

Marquee Sign shall mean a canopy or covering Structure bearing a signboard or copy projecting from and attached to a Building.

Master Sign Plan shall mean a comprehensive document containing specific Standards for an entire Project or property's Signs.

Meeting Hall shall mean a Building available for gatherings, including conferences, that accommodates at least one room equivalent to a minimum of 10 square feet per projected Dwelling unit within the Pedestrian Shed in that it is located.

Minor Plat shall mean a Plat as defined in 212.014 or 212.015 of the Local Government Code and the procedure for such plats shall be the same as Standard Procedure as defined herein.

Mobile Home shall mean a factory assembled Structure approved by the municipality with the necessary service connections made so as to be movable on Site and designed to be used as a permanent Dwelling.

Monument Sign shall mean a Sign permanently affixed to the ground at its base or by poles that are enclosed by natural stone, stucco, brick, or wood and not mounted to a part of a Building. Pole(s) may be used to construct a Monument Sign so long as the poles are not visible below the Sign.

Native Plants - are plants that have been growing in a particular habitat and region, typically for thousands of years or much longer. Also called indigenous, they are well adapted to the climate, light, and soil conditions that characterize their ecosystem. Within this system, they have evolved tremendously important co-evolutionary relationships with the other plants, animals, fungi, and bacteria present, and these very complex relationships keep that particular ecosystem stable.

Neighborhood Regulating Plan shall mean a neighborhood design plan created through a series of maps defining the physical form, Place Type allocation, Block Types, and extent of a settlement as required the Code. The three Development Patterns addressed in this Code are CLD, TND, and VCD and allow for the creation of a variety of Neighborhood Regulating Plans patterns.