



BUILDING BASTROP

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**BASTROP CITY COUNCIL OFFICIALLY ENACTS TEMPORARY MORATORIUM
ON NEW DEVELOPMENT**

*Building Bastrop Initiative Moves Forward in Collaboration
with Bastrop County and Local Developers*

BASTROP, TEXAS – August 24, 2018 – Last night, the Bastrop City Council unanimously voted to approve the second reading of the temporary moratorium on new development in Bastrop. This action cements the strategic and holistic reform of the City's land-use regulations through an effort known as Building Bastrop. The unanimous vote on first reading was taken at the August 14 regular council meeting.

Council also adopted a resolution last night extending its 1445 Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Bastrop County for 90 days. Now that City Council has enacted this resolution and approved an amendment extending the ILA, the resolution will be forwarded to the County for consideration and action. With this agreement, all plats approved by the County since 2011 are officially ratified, and all permit applications to the County moving forward will in essence be subject to the emergency drainage ordinance enacted by the City of Bastrop on August 14, 2018. This action further protects the community from new development negatively impacting drainage patterns throughout the Lower Colorado River Basin Watershed.

"The City of Bastrop is taking the necessary steps to prepare for a sustainable future by implementing these emergency ordinances," said Mayor Connie Schroeder. "Collaboration with the County is essential to ensure all of Bastrop is properly addressing the drainage challenges facing our community."

At last night's meeting, City Council received a presentation from the Planning and Development Department regarding the application process for development exceptions and exemptions during the temporary moratorium. Seven options are defined in the ordinance to begin or to continue with existing projects: No Impact Projects; Ongoing Projects, Grandfathered Projects, Planned Development Districts, Alternate Design Standards, ETJ Development Agreements and Waivers.

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“The City has been working diligently since the Building Bastrop initiative was announced to develop a process for exception and exemption applications,” said Mayor Pro Tem Lyle Nelson. “We have already issued an initial round of exceptions and will continue to work with developers to identify the best options.”

Currently, approved exceptions include Piney Creek Bend Section 1 and future sections, as well as Pecan Park Subdivision, Sections 1A, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D-3E, 4, 5A, 5B, 6A and 6B.

In addition to processing applications for exceptions and exemptions, the planning team has started to map the DNA of Bastrop. The Simple City Design team has been working to extract the numerical data of the city’s most sustainable development. The next step will create models that show what fiscally sustainable development looks like. An initial report will be presented to City Council in early September.

For the most up-to-date information on Building Bastrop, visit www.CityofBastrop.org/BuildingBastrop.

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