AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GASTONIA

An ordinance amending *Sections 2.7 and 13.21* of the Unified Development Ordinance to update definitions for compliance with N.C. General Statutes and clarify language as it pertains to compliance with the Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP).

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia deems it necessary to update the Unified Development Ordinance in order to facilitate the use of land and to maintain consistency with other UDO jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia deems it necessary to and in the public interest to have clear, concise and consistent standards for the management of growth and development throughout the city; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GASTONIA as follows:

Section 1. This text amendment shall revise *Section 2.7* of the UDO as follows:

2.7 TERMS DEFINED IN THIS ORDINANCE

TABLE 2.7-1: DEFINED TERMS

TERM	DEFINITION
Child Care Center, Located in a Residence	A child care arrangement located in a residence
(CLIR)	and licensed for 3 - 12 children unless space limits
	the number as determined by the North Carolina
	Department of Health and Human Services.
Manufactured Goods, Class 2	Structural clay products (NAICS 32712 , 327331)
	Cement and Concrete Product Manufacturing
	(3273)

Section 2. This text amendment shall revise *Section 13.21* in the UDO as follows:

13.21 CONFORMITY TO COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (CTP)

Whenever a tract of land included within any proposed subdivision includes any part of a street or proposed street so designated on the CTP, excluding streets or proposed streets with full control of access, the Subdivider shall:

A.. Plat the part of such proposed public way in the location and to the width indicated on the CTP <u>and in conformity with any design work completed or adopted by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) or the City of Gastonia for projects included in the CTP, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), or other state-approved transportation program, if such street is a part of the network of streets within or providing access to the proposed subdivision; or</u>

B. Reserve the part of such public way for street purposes and establish appropriate building setback lines therefore <u>consistent with any design work completed or adopted by NCDOT or the City of Gastonia for projects included in the CTP, STIP, or other state-approved transportation program,</u> if such street is not a part of the network of streets within or providing access to the proposed subdivision.

For the purpose of this section, Full Control of Access means:

Connections to a facility provided only via ramps at interchanges. All cross-streets are grade-separated. No private driveway connections allowed. Control of access, which includes a control of access fence, is acquired along the entire length of the facility, and approximately 1000 feet beyond the ramp terminals on the Y lines (intersecting facilities) at interchanges, and approximately 300 feet on each side of the structure on Y lines at grade separations. Full control of access should be utilized on Freeways/Interstates.

Section 3. All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict herein are hereby repealed.

Should any provision of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

<u>Section 5.</u> This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

Section 6. This ordinance is consistent with the Gastonia 2025 Comprehensive Plan and the city's commitment to establishing an interconnected, multimodal transportation system, and is reasonable and in the public interest because it promotes health, safety, and welfare.

This the 16th day of September, 2025.

ATTEST:

Richard Franks, Mayor

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