

ORDINANCE NO. 1945

TEXT AMENDMENT NO. 255

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF LAUREL MARYLAND UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; CHAPTER 20 LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION, ARTICLE I ZONING, DIVISION 1, DEFINITIONS, SECTION 20-1.7., DIVISION 6 PARKING AND LOADING FACILITIES, SECTION 20-16.10., DIVISION 14 DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION, SECTION 20-26.15., DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING PADS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sponsored by the President at the request of the Administration.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland adopted City Ordinance Number 1702, Text Amendment Number 223, on March 28, 2011 approving a Unified Land Development Code including all requirements for development within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Unified Land Development Code establishes parking area and access driveway requirements for the City; and

WHEREAS, City staff has received requests to amend the paving requirements for parking areas and access driveways throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, City staff has researched parking area and access driveway paving requirements and has reviewed the Unified Land Development Code, and recommends a text amendment to amend the Code to allow for new paving requirements for parking areas and access driveways; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland wishes to make the changes recommended by City staff as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of Laurel, Maryland that Chapter 20, Article I, Division 1, Section 20-1.7., Division 6, Section 20-16.10., and Division 14, Section 20-26.15., of the City of Laurel, Maryland Unified Land Development Code be and hereby is amended as follows:

Chapter 20

LAND DEVELOPMENT AND SUBDIVISION

**ARTICLE I.
ZONING**

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** * * Asterisks indicate intervening language and section unchanged.*

**DIVISION 1
DEFINITIONS**

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SECTION 20-1.7. - DEFINITIONS.

Impervious Surface. A surface that includes but is not limited to concrete, asphalt, pavers, brick, and all paved and prepared drivable surfaces pursuant to Section 20-16.10 of the City of Laurel Unified Land Development Code.

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DIVISION 6

PARKING AND LOADING FACILITIES

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SECTION 20-16.10. - PARKING AREA IMPROVEMENTS.

(a) *Grading and pavement.* Parking areas and access driveways shall be graded and drained so that surface water shall not be allowed to flow onto adjacent properties. Parking areas and driveways shall be improved with an impervious surface ~~asphaltic concrete, Portland cement pavement~~ or another material which the Department of Economic and Community Development determines is acceptable and in conformance with the intent of this chapter, in accordance with the standards established in Subdivision Regulations, Building Code, or any other City regulation or standard. The use of gravel on parking areas and access driveways installed after July 8, 2019 is prohibited.

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DIVISION 14

DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

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SECTION 20-26.15.-DRIVEWAYS AND PARKING PADS.

The Historic District Commission reviews applications for driveways and parking pads to ensure that their installation and the materials used, is consistent with other lots in the block and with the historic nature of the neighborhood. Parking areas and driveways shall be improved with an impervious surface or other material which the Historic District Commission determines is acceptable and in conformance with the intent of this chapter in accordance with the standards established in Subdivision Regulations, Building Code, or any other City regulation or standard. ~~The Commission discourages the use of gravel.~~ The use of gravel on parking areas and access driveways installed after July 8, 2019 is prohibited.

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AND, BE IT FURTHER ENACTED AND ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall take effect on the date of its passage.

PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

ATTEST:

KIMBERLEY A. RAU, MMC
Clerk to the City Council

FREDERICK SMALLS
President of the City Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

CRAIG A. MOE
Mayor