

*Houma-Terrebonne Regional Planning Commission
Zoning & Land Use Commission*

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Upon receipt of an application for amendment, the office of the Zoning Administrator shall examine the application and shall make such investigation as is necessary. Within fifteen (15) days of receipt of an application, the office of the Zoning Administrator shall transmit the application, together with its report and recommendation, to the Zoning Commission. The Zoning Commission then shall hold a preliminary hearing on the application within thirty-five (35) days after receipt of such application for amendment and shall notify the applicant and the office of the Zoning Administrator of the time and place of such hearing. After holding a preliminary hearing, the Commission shall certify the application for public hearing, and shall notify the applicant of the time and place of such public hearing. The Commission shall fix a reasonable time of a public hearing and shall give public notice, as required by law, as well as notice to the applicant and to the office of the Zoning Administrator.

This ordinance, including the zoning map, is based on comprehensive studies, and is intended to carry out the objective of a sound, stable, and desirable development.

Please return the application and supporting plans to the office of the Zoning Administrator.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING – NO APPLICATION ACCEPTED UNLESS COMPLETE

Date: _____

Applicant's Name

Address *City* *State* *Zip*

Telephone Number (Home) *(Work)*

Interest in Ownership (Owner, etc.)

Address of Property to be Rezoned & Legal Description (Lot, Block, Subdivision)

Zoning Classification Request:

From: _____ To: _____

Previous Zoning History: _____ No _____ Yes

If Yes, Date of Last Application: _____

AMENDMENT POLICY – Parish Zoning Regulations Section 28-201

1. **REASONS FOR THIS AMENDMENT:**

It is recognized that casual change of the ordinance would be detrimental to the achievement of stable development. It is public policy, therefore, to amend this ordinance only when one or more of the following conditions prevail:

PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE:

_____ **ERROR.** There is a manifest error in the ordinance.

_____ **CHANGE IN CONDITIONS.** Changed or changing conditions in a particular area or in the metropolitan area generally make a change in the ordinance necessary and desirable.

_____ **INCREASED NEED FOR SITES FOR BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY.** Increased or increasing needs for business or industrial sites, in addition to sites that are available, make it necessary and desirable to rezone an area or to extend the boundaries of an existing district.

_____ **SUBDIVISION OF LAND.** The subdivision or eminent subdivision of open land into urban building sites make reclassification necessary and desirable.

2. **LIMITATIONS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

Demonstrate that the proposed amendment meets the minimum size requirements and need for new districts as described in Section 28-201(b).

EXHIBITS REQUIRED – Parish Zoning Regulations Section 28-202

1. **LEGAL PLAT OF PROPERTY TO BE REZONED:** This plat is to be prepared by a licensed land surveyor or civil engineer. On the required plat, please include:

- a. Land area to be affected including legal description;
- b. Present zoning classification of area to be affected and zoning classification of abutting districts;
- c. Public rights-of-way and easements bounding and intersecting the designated area and abutting districts;
- d. Locations of all existing and proposed structures with supporting open facilities;
- e. The specific ground area to be provided and continuously maintained for the proposed structure or structures.

2. **REASON FOR AMENDMENT:** Please state on a separate sheet why this proposal complies with either one or more of the above checked conditions for rezoning. In addition, the applicant may submit (optional) a site plan and/or development schedule of the proposal with this application.

3. **DEVELOPMENT SCHEDULE:** On a separate piece of paper, indicate a time schedule for the beginning and completion of development planned by the applicant. If the development is planned in stages, the time schedule shall indicate the successive stages and the development plan for each.

4. **MARKET INFORMATION:** Applicable only if the following conditions are met:

- a. If the proposed amendment would require rezoning an area from an existing residential district to a freestanding commercial district;
- b. If the proposed amendment would require more than double the area of an existing commercial district entirely surrounded by residential districts;
- c. If the proposed amendment would enlarge an area of existing commercial district by more than eight (8) areas;

The market information shall include a written description of the market area to be served by the development, the population thereof, the effective demand for the proposed facilities and any other information describing the relationship of the proposed development to the needs of the applicable area.

