

Ordinance 2013-
November 27, 2013

ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 4 SECTION 162 DESIGN STANDARDS #3 AND ARTICLE 8 SECTION 212 SITE PLAN REVIEW OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI:

WHEREAS, the student enrollment at the University of Mississippi has increased by 16% or 2,922 students since 2010 and future growth of 3% is desired by the University and;

WHEREAS, six (6) EF strength tornados have struck the Oxford community since 2008, and;

WHEREAS, the total number of apartments within the city limits have increased by 39% and total number of beds by 56% since 2011, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford has developed over time in a compact, dense manner and as new development occurs, becomes even more dense, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Oxford finds that to better insure the health, safety and welfare of the public, emergency access road standards in the city's Land Development Code need to be updated and clarified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. That Article 4, Section 162 Design Standards of the Land Development Code, Code of Ordinances, Oxford, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 162.04 - Design Standards.

162.04. # 3 a. Number of emergency access roads. Residential subdivisions with fifty (50) or more lots or dwelling units shall have a least two separate emergency access roads. However, residential subdivisions with hundred (100) or less lots or dwelling units may have a single emergency access road with an approved stub street. An emergency access road shall be at least twenty (20) feet in width with all weather surfacing designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of fire and emergency apparatus and shall have a vertical clearance of at least 13.6 feet. A boulevard with a median may be considered as two separate emergency access roads if the boulevard travel lanes comply with the standards above and designated sections of the boulevard median complies with the standards above and the median is at least six (6) feet in width. No parking is permitted on minimum width emergency access roads. A road or street intended for public ingress into or egress from a subdivision can serve as an emergency access road so long as it complies with the requirements of this section.

SECTION II That Article 8, Section 212 Site Plan Review of the Land Development Code, Code of Ordinances, Oxford, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec.212.04 - Conditions and general considerations on issuance of site plan approval.

212.04 # 11. Number of emergency access roads. Residential developments with more than two hundred and fifty (250) bedrooms shall have a least two separate emergency access roads. Residential developments with less than five hundred (500) bedrooms may have a single

emergency access road if all buildings are equipped with approved automatic sprinkler systems. Residential developments with less than seven hundred fifty (750) bedrooms may have a single emergency access road if all buildings are equipped with approved automatic sprinkler systems and the development provides storm shelter or safe rooms for at least 50% of the maximum number of residents permitted within the development and has an emergency management plan. The shelter and/or safe room design and emergency plan shall be approved by the City of Oxford Emergency Manager. An emergency access road shall be at least twenty (20) feet in width with all weather surfacing designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of fire and emergency apparatus and shall have a vertical clearance of at least 13.6 feet. A boulevard with a median may be considered as two separate emergency access roads if the boulevard travel lanes comply with the standards above and designated sections of the boulevard median complies with the standards above and the median is at least six (6) feet in width. No parking is permitted on minimum width emergency access roads. A road or street intended for public ingress into or egress from a development can serve as an emergency access road so long as it complies with the requirements of this section.

SECTION III. REPEALING CLAUSE

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herein shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

All ordinances shall take effect and be in force as provided by law.

The above ordinance having being first reduced to writing and read and considered section by section at a public meeting or the governing authorities of the City of Oxford Mississippi on motion of Alderman _____, seconded by Alderman _____, and the roll being called, the same by the following votes:

Alderman Hughes	voted
Alderman Tannehill	voted
Alderman Antonow	voted
Alderman Howell	voted
Alderman Taylor	voted
Alderman Bailey	voted
Alderman Morgan	voted

APPROVED, this day the _____ of _____, 2013

GEORGE G. PATTERSON, MAYOR

LISA D. CARWYLE, CITY CLERK