

ORDINANCE NO. 28076-10-2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, BEING ORDINANCE NO. 21653, AS AMENDED, CODIFIED AS APPENDIX "A" OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 4, "DISTRICT REGULATIONS," ARTICLE 6 "RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT USE TABLE," SECTION 4.603, "RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT USE TABLE," TO REMOVE GOVERNMENT OFFICE FACILITY AS A USE FROM THE RESIDENTIAL LAND USE TABLE, PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code ("TLGC") authorizes the governing body of a municipality to adopt zoning regulations to promote the public health, safety, morals, or general welfare and protect and preserve places and areas of historical, cultural, or architectural importance and significance; and

WHEREAS, Section 211.005 of the TLGC authorizes the governing body of a municipality to divide the municipality into districts of a number, shape, and size that the governing body considers best for carrying out the provisions of Chapter 211, General Zoning Regulations, within which districts the governing body may regulate the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair or use of buildings, other structures or land; and

WHEREAS, upon the passage of Senate Bill 840 and 2477 from the 89th Texas Legislative Session, the city staff considered whether "Government Office Facility" should continue being an use allowed by right in all residential districts; and

WHEREAS, after review and careful consideration, city staff has determined that "Government Office Facility" should not be a use that is allowed by right and recommends that such use be removed from the residential district use table in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Commission and City Council agrees with the staff determination and recommendation to remove Government Office Facility from the land use table.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4, “District Regulations”, Article 6, “Residential District Use Table,” Section 4.603, “Residential District Use Table” of Ordinance No. 21653, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fort Worth, is hereby amended to revise the Residential Use category “Government”, by removing “Government Office Facility” as a use so that it does not appear on the land use table.

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code of the City of Fort Worth, Texas (2015), as amended, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 4.

Any person, firm, or corporation, who violates, disobeys, omits, neglects or refuses to comply with or who resists the enforcement of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for each offense. Each day that a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5.

All rights and remedies of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, are expressly saved as to any and all violations of the provisions of Ordinances No. 3011, 13896, 21653 and any other ordinances affecting zoning which have accrued at the time of the effective date of this ordinance, and, as to such accrued violations and all pending litigation, both civil and criminal, whether pending in court or not, under such ordinances, same shall not be affected by this ordinance but may be prosecuted until final disposition by the courts.

SECTION 6

The City Secretary of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, is hereby directed to publish the caption, penalty clause and effective date of this ordinance for two (2) days in the official newspaper of the City of Fort Worth, Texas, as authorized by Section 52.013, Texas Local Government Code.


SECTION 7.


All other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Fort Worth not herein amended shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8.

This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication as required by law.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: 
Christopher Austria,
Senior Assistant City Attorney


Jannette S. Goodall,
City Secretary

ADOPTED: October 21, 2025

EFFECTIVE: December 05, 2025

