

REVISED ZONING ORDINANCE
PARSONS, TENNESSEE

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PARSONS MUNICIPAL-REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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Section A. Creation and Membership Pursuant to the provisions of Section 13-3-102, Tennessee Code Annotated, there is hereby created a municipal-regional planning commission, hereinafter referred to as the planning commission. The planning commission shall consist of five (5) members; two (2) of these shall be the Mayor and another member of the City Council by the City Council; all other three (3) members shall be appointed by the Mayor. All members of the planning commission shall serve as such without compensation. Except for the initial appointments, the terms of the three (3) members appointed by the Mayor shall be for three (3) years each. The three (3) members first appointed shall be appointed for terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years respectively so that the term of one (1) member expires each year. The terms of the Mayor and the member selected by the City Council shall run concurrently with their terms of office. Any vacancy in an appointive membership shall be filled for the unexpired term of the Mayor, and he shall have power to remove any appointive member at his pleasure.

Section B. Organization, Rules, Staff, and Finances The planning commission shall elect its chairman from its appointive members. The term of chairman shall be one year with eligibility for re-election. The commission shall adopt rules for the transactions, findings and determinations, which record shall be a public record. The commission may appoint such employees and staff as it may deem necessary for its work and may contract with city planners and other consultants for such services as it may require. The expenditures of the commission, exclusive of gifts, shall be within the amounts appropriated for the purpose by the City Council.

Section C. Powers and Duties The planning commission shall be organized and shall carry out its powers, functions, and duties in accordance with Title 13 of the Tennessee Code Annotated.

ARTICLE II

TITLE AND PURPOSE

SECTION

- A. Title
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Section A. Title Articles II through XII shall be known as the "Zoning Ordinance of the City of Parsons, Tennessee." The map herein referred to, which is identified by the title "Zoning Map of Parsons, Tennessee," which is on file in the Parsons City Hall is hereby adopted and made a part of this ordinance.

Section B. Purpose The zoning regulations and districts as herein set forth have been made in accordance with a comprehensive plan for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, morals, and convenience, order, prosperity, and general welfare of the community. They have been designed to lessen congestion in the streets, to secure safety from fire, panic and other dangers, to provide adequate light and air, to prevent the overcrowding of land, to avoid undue concentration of population, to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public requirements. They have been made with reasonable consideration, among other things, as to the character of each district and its peculiar suitability for particular uses, and with a view of conserving the value of building and encouraging the most appropriate use of land through the town.

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Section A. Provisions Apply to Whole Town For the purpose of this ordinance, there shall be certain general provisions which shall apply to the town as a whole.

Section B. Definitions Unless otherwise stated the following words shall, for the purpose of this ordinance, have the meaning herein indicated. Words used in the present tense include the future. The singular number includes the plural and the plural the singular. The word "shall" is mandatory, not directory.

1. "Alley" Any public or private way set aside for public travel twenty (20) feet or less in width.
2. "Area of Building" The area of the first floor of the building including covered porches, attached garages and carports
3. "Base Flood" means the flood having a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.
4. "Building" Any structure constructed or used for residence, business, industry, or other public or private purposes, or accessory thereto, and including tents, lunch wagons, dining cars, trailers, mobile homes, billboards, signs and similar structures whether stationary or movable.

- (a) "Principal Building" A building in which is conducted the principal use of the lot on which it is situated. In any residential district any dwelling shall be deemed to be the principal building on the lot on which the same is situated.
 - (b) "Accessory Building" A subordinate building, the use of which is incidental to that of a principal building on the same lot. Swimming pools shall be considered accessory buildings in residential districts.
5. "Clinic" A facility for the examination and treatment of ill and afflicted human outpatients provided, however, that patients are not kept overnight except under emergency conditions. This includes doctor and dental offices.
 6. "Dwelling, Single-Family" A detached residential dwelling unit other than a mobile home, designed for and occupied by one family only.
 7. "Dwelling, Two-Family" A detached residential dwelling unit other than a mobile home, designed for and occupied by two families only.
 8. "Dwelling, Multiple-Family" A residential building designed for or occupied by three or more families with the number of families in residence not exceeding the number of dwelling units provided.
 9. "Dwelling Unit" One room or rooms connected together constituting a separate independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy, or rental or lease on a weekly, monthly, or longer basis, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same structure and containing independent cooking and sleeping facilities.
 10. "Family" One (1) or more persons occupying a premise and living as a single, nonprofit housekeeping unit.
 11. "Junk Yard" Commercial establishment used for the storage, sale, and trade of scrap metal.
 12. "Lot" A piece, parcel, or plot of land in one ownership, which may include one (1) or more lots of record, occupied or to be occupied by buildings and accessory buildings and including the open spaces required under this ordinance. All lots shall front on and have access to a street.
 - (a) "Lot Line" The boundary dividing a given lot from a street, an alley, or adjacent lots.
 - (b) "Lot of record" A lot, the boundaries of which are filed as a legal record.

13. "Mobile Home" A detached residential dwelling unit designed for transportation after fabrication on streets or highways on its own wheels or on flatbed or other trailers, and arriving at the site where it is to be occupied as a dwelling complete and ready for occupancy except for minor and incidental unpacking and assembly operations, locations on jacks and other temporary or permanent foundations, connection to utilities, and the like. The character of a mobile home as a non-permanent dwelling shall not be changed in the view of this ordinance by removal of the wheels and/or carriage or placement on a permanent foundation.
14. "Mobile Home Park" Any plot of ground upon which three (3) or more mobile homes, occupied for dwelling or sleeping purposes, are located, regardless of whether or not a charge is made for such accommodation.
15. "Nonconforming Use" A use of a building or of land lawful at the time of the enactment of this ordinance that does not conform with the provisions of this ordinance for the district in which it is located.
16. "Nonconforming Structure" A structure which was lawfully constructed prior to enactment, or amendment, of this ordinance that does not conform with the provisions of this ordinance for the district in which it is located.
17. "Townhouse" A building consisting of a series of three (3) or more non-communicating one-family dwelling sections with separate entrance on ground level to each unit, and having a common wall between each two (2) adjacent sections.
18. A travel trailer is not to be considered as a mobile home.
19. "Travel Trailer" A travel trailer, pick-up camper, converted bus, tent-trailer, tent, or similar device used for temporary portable housing or a unit which:
 - (a) can operate independent of connections to external sewer, water and electrical systems;
 - (b) contains water storage facilities and may contain a lavatory, kitchen sink and/or bath facilities; and/or
 - (c) is identified by the manufacturers as a travel trailer.
20. "100-year flood:" see "base flood"
21. "Story" That portion of a building included between the upper surface of any floor and the upper surface of the floor next above, or any portion of a building used for human occupancy between the topmost floor and the roof. A basement

not used for human occupancy other than for a janitor or domestic employee shall not be counted as a story.

22. "Street" Any public or private way set aside for public travel twenty-one (21) feet or more in width. The word "street" shall include the words "roads", "highway", and "thoroughfare."
23. "Total Floor Area" The area of all floors of a building including finished attic, finished basements, covered porches and attached garages or carports.
24. "Yards" A required open space other than a court unoccupied and unobstructed by any structure or portion of a structure from 30 inches above the general ground level of the graded lot upward, provided however that fences, walls, poles, posts, and other customary yard accessories, ornaments, and furniture may be permitted in any yard subject to height limitations and requirements limiting obstruction of visibility.
 - (a) "Front Yard" The yard extending across the entire width of the lot between the front yard line, and the nearest part of the principal building, including covered porches and carports.
 - (b) "Rear Yard" The yard extending across the entire width of the lot between the rear lot line, and the nearest part of the principal building, including covered porches and carports.
 - (c) "Side Yard" A yard extending along the side lot line from the front yard to the rear yard and lying between the side lot line and the nearest part of the principal building, including covered porches and carports.
25. "Travel Trailer Park" The term travel trailer park shall mean any plot of ground within the City of Parsons on which two (2) or more travel trailers, occupied for camping or periods of short stay, are located.

Section C. Zoning Affects Every Building and Use No building or land shall hereafter be used and no building or part thereof shall be erected, moved or altered unless for a use expressly permitted by and in conformity with the regulations herein specified for the district in which it is located, except as hereinafter stated.

Section D. Continuance of Non-conforming Use

1. Within the districts established by this ordinance or amendments that may later be adopted there exist uses and/or structures which were lawful before this ordinance was passed or amended, but which would be prohibited, regulated, or

restricted under the terms of this ordinance or future amendment the following shall apply:

- (a) Any non-conforming structure may not be:
 - (1) Extended except in conformity with this ordinance.
 - (2) Rebuilt or repaired after damage exceeding seventy-five (75) percent of replacement value except in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance.
 - (3) Removed and replaced with another nonconforming structure.
 - (b) Any non-conforming use of land may not be:
 - (1) Changed to another non-conforming use which would be more detrimental to the district in which it is located.
 - (2) Extended, except in conformity with this ordinance.
 - (c) Any non-conforming use or structure may not be:
 - (1) Changed to another non-conforming use.
 - (2) Re-established after discontinuance of one year.
 - (3) Extended except in conformity with this ordinance.
 - (d) Any structure used for a non-conforming use shall not be rebuilt or repaired after damage exceeding seventy-five (75) percent of replacement cost unless the use and structure conform to the provisions of this ordinance.
2. For any non-conformities created by amendments to this ordinance passed after the passage of Chapter 279 of the Public Act of 1973 of the State of Tennessee the following shall apply:
- (a) Residential non-conformity will apply as stated in Paragraph 1, Section D.
 - (b) Industrial, commercial, or business establishments, which were non-conformities prior to the passage of Chapter 270 of the Public Act of 1973 will be covered by Paragraph 1, Section D.
 - (c) Industrial, commercial, or business establishments, which were made non-conformities after the passage of Chapter 270 of the Public Acts of

1973 will be permitted to expand, rebuild or distrust in accordance with the provisions of Section 13-7-208, Tennessee Code Annotated.

Section E. Erection of More Than One Principal Building on Any Lot In any district, more than one structure housing a permitted or permissible principal use may be erected on a single lot, provided the yard and other requirements of this ordinance shall be met for each structure as though it were on an individual lot. This provision does not apply to group housing developments as permitted under Article XIII.

Section F. Street Frontage Required No building shall be erected in any district except the B-2 (Central Business District) on a lot which does not abut at least one public street for at least fifty (50) feet. This shall not be construed to apply to properties abutting a cul-de-sac type turn-around: a minimum street abutment of twenty-five (25) feet shall apply to cul-de-sac turn-arounds provided that the minimum lot width requirements are provided at the front yard setback (building) line.

Section G. Off-Street Automobile Storage

1. There shall be provided, at the time of erection of any building or structure, or at the time any main building or structure is enlarged or increased in capacity by adding dwelling units, guest rooms, seats or floor area, or before conversion from one zoning use of occupancy to another, permanent off-street parking space of at least two hundred (200) square feet per space with vehicular access to a street or alley. The city reserves the right to control ingress and egress over private right-of-way. Off-street parking space shall be deemed to be required open space associated with the permitted use and shall not hereafter be reduced or encroached upon in any manner.
 - (a) Dwelling: Not less than one (1) space for each dwelling plus 1/2 space for each additional unit or apartment.
 - (b) Boarding Houses, Rooming Houses: No less than one (1) space for each room or unit occupied by boarders or roomers.
 - (c) Tourist Accommodations: No less than one (1) space for each room or unit offered for tourist accommodations.
 - (d) Office Buildings, Manufacturing or Other Industrial Building or Use: In all business and industrial districts, except a B-2 (Central Business District) not less than one (1) space for each two (2) persons employed computed on the basis of total number of employees on the two largest consecutive shifts. In addition, there shall be sufficient parking for all vehicles used directly in the conduct of such office or industrial use.

- (e) Retail Uses: In all business and industrial districts, except a B-2 (Central Business District), not less than one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of store sales area.
 - (f) Theaters, Auditoriums, Stadiums, Churches, or Other Use Designed to Draw an Assembly of Persons: Not less than one (1) space for each five (5) seats provided in such place of assembly, except in a B-2 (Central Business District).
 - (g) Public Building: Not less than one (1) space for each two hundred (200) square feet of total floor area of all floors in building except basement, except in a B-2 (Central Business District).
 - (h) Medical Offices: In all business districts, except a B-2 (Central Business District) three (3) patient's parking spaces per staff doctor, plus two (2) per three (3) employees, plus one (1) per staff doctor.
 - (i) Funeral Homes: In all business districts, except a B-2 (Central Business District) one space for each company vehicle plus one space for each three (3) seats in meeting room.
2. Parking space maintained in connection with an existing and continuing main building or structure on the effective date of this ordinance up to the number required by this ordinance shall be continued and may not be counted as serving a new structure or addition, nor may any parking space be substituted for a loading space, nor any loading space substituted for a parking space.
3. If off-street parking space required above cannot be reasonably provided on the same lot on which the principal use is conducted, the Board of Zoning Appeals may permit such space to be provided on other off-street property provided such space lies within four hundred (400) feet of the main entrance to such principal use. Such vehicle standing space shall be deemed to be required open space associated with the permitted use and shall not thereafter be reduced or encroached upon in any manner.

Section H. Required Yard Cannot be Used by Another Building No part of a yard or other open space required about any building for the purpose of complying with the provisions of these regulations shall be included as a part of a yard or other open space required under these regulations for another building.

Section I. Rear Yard Abutting a Public Street When the rear yard of a lot abuts a public street, all structures built in that rear yard shall observe the same setback from the street line, centerline of the street, or property line as required for adjacent properties which front on that street. In addition, any structure located within twenty-five (25) feet of that setback line shall be no closer to any side property than the distance required for sideyards on adjoining properties fronting on that street.

Section J. Obstruction to Vision at Street Intersection Prohibited On a corner lot not in a B-2 (Central Business District), within the area formed by the center lines of the intersecting or intercepting streets and a line joining points on such center lines at a distance of seventy (70) feet from their intersection there shall be no obstruction to vision between a height of two and one half (2 1/2) feet and a height of ten (10) feet above the average grade of each street at the center line thereof. The requirements of this section shall not be construed to prohibit any necessary retaining wall.

Section K. Off-street Loading and Unloading Space In all business and industrial districts, except a B-2 (Central Business District) every building or structure used for business or trade shall provide adequate space for the loading or unloading of vehicles off the street or public alley. Such space shall have access to a public alley or if there is no alley, to a public street. Loading space maintained in connection with an existing and continuing main building or structure on the effective date of this ordinance up to the number required by this ordinance shall be continued and may not be counted as serving a new structure or addition.

Section L. Access Control In order to promote the safety of the motorist and pedestrian and to minimize traffic congestion and conflict by reducing the points of contact, the following regulations shall apply:

- (1) A point of access, i.e., a drive or other opening for vehicles onto a street shall not exceed thirty (30) feet in width.
- (2) There shall be not more than two (2) points of access to any one (1) public street on a lot less than 400 feet but more than 100 feet in width. Lots less than one hundred (100) feet in width shall have no more than one (1) point of access to any one (1) public street.
- (3) Point of access to any one (1) public street for lots of more than four hundred (400) feet in width shall be no closer than one hundred (100) feet apart.
- (4) No point of access shall be allowed within ten (10) feet of the right-of-way of any public street intersection.
- (5) Where sidewalks exist, the area existing between the street and an interior parking space or driveway parallel to the street shall have a curb of at least six (6) inches in height and six (6) inches in width separating the parking area from the sidewalk to prevent encroachment of vehicles onto the sidewalk area.
- (6) No curbs on city streets or rights-of-way shall be cut or altered without written approval of the Building Inspector.
- (7) Cases requiring variances relative to this action, and hardships not caused by the property owner, shall be heard and acted upon by the Board of Zoning

Appeals, provided, further that no curb cuts for off-street automobile storage or parking space shall be permitted where the arrangement would require that vehicles back directly into a public street (this is not to include private parking for residential property).

- (8) Access control on property abutting state or federal highways shall be governed by official regulations of the Tennessee Department of Highways or the provisions of this ordinance whichever is higher.

Section M. Future Street Lines For the purpose of providing adequate space for widening major streets in the future, the minimum required front yard on a lot abutting a major street shall be measured from the proposed right-of-way width shown on the latest Major Street Plan officially adopted and placed on public record by the planning commission.

Section N. Procedures and Requirements for Site Plan Review/Statement of Purpose and Goals. The following procedures and standards are established for those Sections and Chapters of this Resolution which require the submission and approval of a site plan prior to the issuance of a building permit or certificate of occupancy. The site plan must be based on a to-scale drawing of the property. The Parsons Municipal-Regional Planning Commission shall act in the official review of all required site plans and shall have the power to approve or disapprove all required site plans according to the terms specified herein. All site plans submitted for the review of the location of any Use Permitted on Appeal by the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be reviewed and approved according to its conformance with the terms specified herein by the Parsons Municipal-Regional Planning Commission before the issuance of a building permit or certificate of occupancy. Every site plan submitted to the City of Parsons shall become the property of the City and shall be maintained in the permanent files of the Building Inspector. Site plan approval, once granted, shall be in effect for a period on one (1) year from the date of the approval.

Site Plan Submission and Review

- A. In instances where site plan review is required by the Parsons Municipal Zoning Ordinance, the following procedures shall apply:

Contents of Site Plan

- A. The site plan shall include:
 - 1. Name of development and address.
 - 2. Name and address of owner of record and the applicant
 - 3. Scale of 1" - 100'

4. Note present zoning classification of the site and all abutting properties. Also, note nature of proposed use.
5. Date, scale, and north point with reference to source of meridian. Note all related dimensions and bearings of the lot.,
6. Courses and distances of center lines of all streets.
7. All buildings restriction lines (yard setbacks and rights-of-way)right-of-way and highway setback lines, easements, covenants, reservations and rights-of-way.
8. The acreage or square footage of the lot.
9. Sufficient grade and elevation information to demonstrate that the property will properly drain and can be connected to the public sewer system to p provide gravity discharge of waste from the building. Topography to be shown by dashed line illustrating contours and/or spot elevation, if required, and as required by the City.

B. The site plan shall show the location, dimensions, site and height of the following when existing and/or when proposed:

1. Sidewalks, streets, alleys, easements and utilities.
2. Buildings and str4uctures including the front (street) elevation of proposed building.
3. Public sewer systems.
4. Slopes, terraces, and retaining walls.
5. Driveways, entrances (all access points), exists, parking areas, sidewalks and garbage collection site.
6. Water mains and fire hydrants.
7. The following when applicable:
 - a. Number of dwelling units.
 - b. Number and size of parking stalls and type of proposed pavement either Portland concrete or asphalt).

- c. Number of loading spaces and type of proposed pavement (either Portland concrete or asphalt).
- d. Number of Commercial or Industrial tenants and employees.
- 8. Plans for the collection and discharge of storm water and methods for landscaping. The delineation of the limits of floodplains, if any. Also the site plan must denote the minimum 100-year, base flood elevation level if any portion of the site lies within the FEMA-designated special flood hazard area.
- 9. Proposed grading plan.

Site Plan Review Authority

- A. The Planning Commission shall have the power to require such changes in the required site plan as may be necessary to minimize the impact of the required use. This may include, but not be limited to, setbacks, screening, lighting, parking location and layouts, access and general landscaping requirements. This power for review shall not include the authority to specify or alter the architectural style of proposed or existing buildings, and authority to specify building materials, colors, or similar considerations.

The Planning Commission shall have the power to require a buffering of the development from surrounding properties by the use of fencing, plantings, or combinations thereof.

- B. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall have the power to require such changes in the required site plan as may be necessary to minimize the impact of the use permitted on appeal. This may include, but not be limited to, setbacks, screening, lighting, parking location and layout, access and general landscaping requirements. This power of review shall not include the authority to specify or alter the architectural style of proposed or existing buildings, the authority to specify building materials, colors, or similar considerations.

The board of zoning appeals shall have the authority to require a buffering of the use permitted on appeal from surrounding properties by the use of fencing, plantings or a combination thereof.

Section A. Classification of Districts For the purpose of this ordinance, Parsons, Tennessee, is hereby divided into five (5) districts, designated as follows:

- R-1 Low Density Residential
- R-2 Medium Density Residential

- B-1 General Business

B-2 Central Business District

M-1 Industrial

Section B. Boundaries of Districts

1. The boundaries of districts in Section A of this Chapter are hereby established as shown on the Official Zoning Map entitled "Zoning Map of Parsons, Tennessee," which is a part of this ordinance and which is on file in the city hall.
2. Unless otherwise indicated on the zoning map, the boundaries are lot lines, the center lines of streets or alleys, railroad rights-of-way, or the corporate limit lines as they existed at the time of the enactment of this ordinance. Questions concerning the exact locations of district boundaries shall be determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
3. Where a district boundary divides a lot, as existing at the time this ordinance takes effect and the major portion of said lot is in the less restricted district, the regulations relative to that district may be extended to twenty (20) feet within the more restricted district within said lot.

Section O. Provisions Governing Signs

Section A. Statement of Purpose

The regulations set forth herein are established in order to promote and protect public health, safety, comfort, prosperity, welfare, and in order to accomplish the following specific purposes to enhance the economy, business, and industry of Parsons by promoting the reasonable, orderly, and effective use and display of signs; to enhance the physical appearance of the city; to protect the general public from damage and injury which might be caused by the faulty and uncontrolled construction and use of signs within the city; to protect the public use of streets and highways by reducing sign or advertising distractions that may increase traffic accidents; to protect the physical and mental well being of the general public by recognizing and encouraging a sense of aesthetic appreciation for the visual environment; and to preserve the value of private property by assuring the compatibility of signs with surrounding land uses.

Section B. Definitions

Abandoned/Obsolete Sign – any sign which identified or advertises a business, lesser, service, owner, product, or activity, which is no longer available at the indicated location or no longer available on the premises or for which no legal owner can be found.

Animated sign – A sign that uses movement or change of light to depict or to create a special effect or scene (does not include time, temperature or message signs).

Attached Business Sign – Any sign which is affixed directly to or otherwise inscribed or painted on a wall or parapet wall of any building or structure with the exposed face of the sign in a plane approximately parallel to the plane of such wall and extending there from less than twelve (12) inches.

Awning/Canopy Sign – A sign painted on, printed on, or attached flat against the surface of an awning or canopy projecting from and supported by the exterior wall of a building.

Banner Sign – A sign made of fabric or other non-rigid materials with no enclosing framework. National flags, state or municipal flags, or the official flag of any institution or business shall not be considered banners.

Bed and Breakfast Homestay- An incidental and subordinate use of a private dwelling unit operated solely by the permanent residents of such dwelling unit, said use being a part-time for pay operation providing accommodations and at least one meal per day to guests for a period of time not to exceed fourteen consecutive days per guest per month, and said use limited to no more than three guest sleeping rooms.

Building Inspector – The city official or authorized representative charged with the responsibilities of enforcing the chapter.

Business Identification Signs – A freestanding sign identifying a recognized firm, business, or service.

Canopy – An extension of the roof of a building or a freestanding structure that has a roof with support, but no walls.

Central Business District – The area contained within the CB (Central Business) zone as identified on the Official Zoning Map of Parsons, Tennessee.

Construction Sign – A temporary sign identifying an architect, contractor, subcontractor, and/or material supplier participating in construction on the property on which the sign is located.

Directional/Informational Sign – Any on-premises sign giving directions, instructions, or facility information, e.g., parking or exist and entrance signs, and which may contain the name or logo of an establishment but no other advertising copy.

Flashing Sign – Any directly or indirectly illuminated sign that contains an intermittent flashing light source. (This does not include message center or time/temperature signs)

Freestanding Sign – Any sign supported by uprights or braces placed on or in the ground and not attached to any building..

Ground Sign – Any sign supported by the ground with little or no vertical clearance.

Height (of a sign)- This vertical distance measured from the highest point of the sign, excluding decorative embellishments, to the grade of the adjacent street or the surface grade beneath the sign, whichever is less.

Illegal Sign – Any sign and/or advertising structure erected without a permit required by this Ordinance, or in violation of any of the limitations, prohibitions or requirements of this Ordinance.

Maintenance – For the purposes of this Ordinance, the cleaning, painting repair, or replacement of defective parts or a sign in a manner that does not alter the basic copy, design, or structure of the sign.

Mall Grouping Signs – Signs on one pole identifying a group of stores, businesses, or professional offices located in one development. These include office center signs and shopping center signs..

Message Board – A sign with changeable,. Removable letters to allow the user to replace or update the copy on the sign.

Nonconforming Sign (a) Any sign which was erected legally but which does not comply with subsequently enacted sign regulations and restrictions; (b) A sign which does not conform to the Sign Code requirements but for which a variance has been issued. These signs are grandfathered provided they do not violate the provisions of Section 11-1507(b).

Off-Premise Sign – A sign not located n the property that it advertises.

Off Center – Two or more offices having a common parking lot.

Owner – The fee owner of a sign, the lessee of the sign, the fee holder of the property upon which the sign is located, the leaseholder of such property or the individual, person or business who has purchased the copy on a sign.

Political Sign – A sign displaying the name and/or picture of an individual seeking election to a public office or a sign otherwise relating to a forthcoming public election or referendum.

Projecting Sign – Any sign which by its construction or nature may be or I intended to be freely moved fro, one location to another. When on a trailer, the removal of the wheels or undercarriage does not place the sign in another category; neither does the anchoring of the sign by means of concrete blocks, sandbags or other types of temporary anchors. Portable signs include., but are not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of whole, signs converted to A or T frames,. Menu and sandwich board signs, balloons used as signs, umbrellas used for advertising.

Public Sign – Any temporary or permanent sign erected and maintained by the City, County, State or Federal Government for traffic direction or for the designation of or direction to any school, hospital, historical site, or public service, property or facility.

Real Estate Sign – Any temporary sign advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for rent, lease or sale.

Residential Districts- Any temporary sign advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for rent, lease or sale.

Residential Districts – Any parcel in the City of Parsons zoned R-1, R-2 or R-3.

Roof Sign – Any sign erected, constructed or maintained wholly or partially upon or over the roof line of any building with the principal structural support on the roof or building structure.

Shopping Center – Two or more businesses sharing a common parking lot. This shall include indoor and outdoor malls

Sign – Any object, device, graphic design or part thereof, situated outdoors or indoors and which objects, device, graphic design or the effect produced is used to advertise, announce, identify, declare, demonstrate, display, instruct, direct or attract attention by any means including words, letters, figures, designs, fixtures, colors, motion, illumination, sound and projecting images. Any sign requiring a permit is considered to be a structure.

Sign Area – (a) Freestanding, Roof and Projecting Signs. The area enclosed by one continuous line, connecting the extreme points or edges of the sign. The area shall be determined using the largest sign area or silhouette, but excluding the necessary supports or uprights. Two-sided signs constructed back to back shall use the square footage of one side only for compliance. Three-sided signs with no more than 60 degrees between the faces shall be figured using one face only. (b) Attached Business, Awning and Canopy Signs: The area including all lettering, wording, and accompanying design or symbols together with any background. For a sign composed of individual letters or figures, the area is that of the smallest rectangle or other geometric shape that encompasses all the letters or symbols.

Sign Permit – A written permit granted by the Building Inspector for the erection, construction, enlargement, relocation or conversion of any sign for which a permit is required.

Subdivision, Identification Sign – A freestanding or wall sign identifying a recognized subdivision, condominium complex or residential development.

Time and Temperature Sign – Electrically controlled public service time, temperature and date signs displayed on a lamp, bank, other electronic display

Temporary Sign.- Any sign, banner, pennant, valance or advertising display or sign constructed of light fabric, cardboard, wallboard, plywood, paper or other light materials, with or without frames, intended to be displayed for a limited period of time, i.e. garage sale, rummage, open house and similar typ4s of signs.

User – The fee user of a sign, the lessee of the sign, the fee holder of the property upon which the sign is located, the leaseholder of such property or the individual, person or business who has purchased the copy of a sign.

Vehicle Mounted Sign – Any sign painted on or attached to a vehicle relating to the business, activity, use, service or product of the owner of the vehicle, or to the sale of the vehicle and which sign is incidental to the primary use of the vehicle.

Window Sign – Any on-premise business sign installed in or on a window and intended to be viewed from the outside.

Section C. Regulations and Standards

A. Business Identification Signs

1. Shall be allowed in B-1, B-2, and M-1 districts only.
2. Only one sign per business per frontage shall be allowed. The sign shall be no greater that 175 square feet in area per sideband shall have no more than three (3) sides. In B-1 zones, double signs are allowed. The top sign shall be no greater than 64nsquare feet and the lower sign shall be mo grater than 32 square feet in area. The lower sign may be used for on-premises advertising, community service, or a message board.
3. Business identification signs must be located a minimum of five (5) feet from the right-of-way of any highway, street, or road, and a minimum of three (3) ft. from the edge of any sidewalk. In no case shall a sign be located on the public right-of-way. The sign shall in no way extend out over the right-of-way. The location must not interfere with traffic or pedestrian vision or safety.
4. Lots fronting on two or more streets are allowed the permitted signage for each street frontage. Signage cannot be accumulated and used on one street in excess of that allowed for lots with only one street frontage.
5. Ground signs are allowed. The height of the sign must not exceed thirty-five (35) feet above the ground elevation.

B. Attached Business Signs

1. Shall be allowed in all Commercial and Industrial districts.

2. Each business is limited to two (2) attached business sign per building face. The total area of both signs shall be no greater in area than 33% of the face of the wall on which it is located.
3. An awning or canopy with the business name or related information is allowed in addition to the business sign. All such awnings or canopies shall be structurally sound and approved by the Building Inspector. The lowest portion shall not be less than ten (10) feet above the ground.

C. Off Premise Signs

1. Off Premise signs are allowed as a principal use permitted on appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals within the M-1 District.
 - a. Off premise signs shall be no greater than 378 square feet in area per side and shall have no more than two (2) sides.
 - b. Off premise signs may not be stacked.
 - c. The maximum height of off-premise signs shall not be greater than 50 feet. The bottom of the sign must be a minimum of 10 ft. above the ground/pavement elevation.
 - d. Off premise signs shall be placed a minimum of 1,000 linear feet from any other off premise sign on the same side of the highway.
 - e. Off premise signs must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from the right-of-way of any highway, street, or road and a minimum of five (5) ft. from the edge of any sidewalk. In no case shall a sign be located on the public right-of-way or interfere with traffic or pedestrian vision or safety.

D. Mall Grouping Signs

1. Shopping Centers – A sign designating a shopping center and its tenants shall have a maximum area of eighty (80) square feet plus ten (10) square feet for each tenant over two, not to exceed one hundred-fifty (150) square feet. Signs designating individual business are not allowed, except attached business signs.
2. Office Centers - A sign designating an office center and its tenants shall have a maximum area of sixty-four (64) square feet.
3. Mall grouping signs must be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from, the right-of-way of any highway, street, or road and a minimum of three (3) feet from the edge of any sidewalk. In no case shall a sign be located on the public right-of-way. The sign shall in no way extend out over the right-of-way.

4. Any mixture of offices and retail establishments shall be interpreted as a shopping center if there is a majority of retail establishments and shall be interpreted as an office center if there is a majority of offices and/or professional uses.

E. Residential Signs

1. Apartment complexes, churches, and schools in residential districts may have a single identification sign not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet. Lots fronting on two or more streets are allowed the permitted signage for each street frontage. Signage cannot be accumulated and used on one street in excess of that allowed for lots with only one street frontage.
2. Name places are allowed in residential districts but must be limited to three (3) square feet.

F. Projecting Signs

Projecting signs shall not exceed twenty 9200 square feet in area and shall have a minimum of nine (9) feet of clearance above the ground or sidewalk. A projecting sign must be structurally sound and approved by the Building inspector.

G. Portable Signs

Portable signs will be allowed only in B-1 (General Business) and B-2 (Central-Business) districts. Portable signs shall not interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

H. Real Estate Signs

1. Real estate signs are limited to one sign per road frontage, not to exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area in a residential zone or forty-eight (48) square feet in a commercial or industrial zone. No real estate signs shall have a height greater than twelve (12) feet.
2. On multi-unit developments (commercial or industrial), one additional sign per unit, not to exceed ten (10) square feet in area is allowed.
3. Real estate signs must be located a minimum of five (5) feet from the right-of-way of any highway, street, or road, and a minimum of three (3) ft. from the edge of any sidewalk. In no case shall a sign be located on the public right-of-way. The sign shall in no way extend out over the right-of-way. The location must not interfere with traffic or pedestrian vision or
4. Real estate signs do not require a permit.

I. Construction, Lighting, and Maintenance Standards

5. General Regulations

- a. All signs and their locations shall comply with the provisions of the City of
- b. Signs shall not be erected, constructed or maintained so as to obstruct any fire escape, required exit way, window or door opening used as a means of egress, to prevent free passage from one part of a room to another part thereof or access thereto.
- c. Signs shall not be attached in any form, shape or manner which will interfere with any opening required for ventilation, except that such a sign may be erected in front of and may cover ransom windows when not in violation of the provisions of the Building or Fire Prevention Codes.
- d. The height of the signs shall in no case exceeded the height restrictions for buildings in the zoning district.
- e. In no case shall existing supports, such as utility poles or traffic control sign supports, be utilized for any sign.
 - (1) All signs shall maintain clearances from overhead electrical connectors as follows:
 - (2) Under six hundred (600) volt, insulated – 3 feet
 - (3) Under six hundred (600) volt, bare – 5 feet.
 - (4) Six hundred one (601) volt to twenty-five hundred (2,500)volt – 5 feet
 - (5) (4) Two thousand five hundred one (2,501) volt to nine thousand (9,000) volt – 6 feet
 - (6) Nine thousand One (9,001) volt to twenty=five thousand (25,000) volt – 9 feet
 - (7) Twenty-five thousand one (25,001) volt t seventy-five (75)KV – 10 feet
 - (8) Above seventy-five (75)kv – 12 feet
- f. Signs shall not be suspended by chains or other devices that will allow the sign to swing, due to wind action. Signs shall be anchored to prevent any lateral movement that could cause wear on supporting members or connections.
- g. Supports and braces shall be an integral part of the sign design. Angle irons, channels, or wires used for supports or braces shall be hidden from public view to the extent technically feasible.
- h. Freestanding signs shall be self-supporting structures and be permanently attached to sufficient foundations.
- i. Attached business signs must derive their principle and total support from the building to which they are attached.

- j. All signs shall be constructed to withstand wind loads of 30 pounds per square foot on the largest face of the sign and structure.
- k. In no case shall the existing ground elevation be built up in order to have a taller sign.
- l. Free hand, spray paint, stencils, and signs not conforming to excepted sign standards, as determined by the Planning Commission, will be allowed.
- m. Signs in the central business district may have additional requirements as recommended by the Downtown Merchants Association and approved by Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

2. Electrical Standards

- a. Electrical service to on-premises, freestanding signs shall be concealed whenever possible.
- b. Electrical signs shall be marked with input amperes at full load.
- c. Each illuminated and/or electrical sign shall bear thereon a label or certification visible from the ground, from the Underwriter's Laboratories., Inc. or any other approved independent electrical inspection agency qualified to make such certification or have written approval from the local Electrical Inspector.
- d. No artificial light, of whatever type or nature used in conjunction with or the lighting of any sign, shall be constructed as to direct or reflect any artificial light onto any structure or to constitute a hazard to the safe and efficient operations of vehicles upon a street or highway.
- e. Flashing or rotating lights, flashing signs, flashing or moving lights on signs, and reflective pennants are prohibited, except that signs that exhibit time, temperature, date or other similar information and search lights permitted by the Building Inspector as an attention getting device are permitted/
- f. In no case shall electrical wiring, extension cords, or any other means of power by laid on the ground or parking areas.

3. Maintenance Standards

- a. Every sign, including, but not limited to those signs for which permits are required, shall be maintained in a safe, presentable and good structural condition at all times, including replacement of defective parts (except when a weathered or natural surface is intended), repainting, cleaning and other acts required for the maintenance of such sign.
- b. The ground area around any freestanding sign shall be kept free and clean of weeds, trash and other debris.

Section D. Prohibited Signs

The following types of signs are prohibited in all zoning districts in Parsons.

- A. Signs on public property, except for public signs in conjunction with city state and federal government uses and temporary signs upon permission by the public authority having jurisdiction.
- B. Signs erected at the intersection of any streets or alleys in such a manner as to obstruct free and clear vision; or in any location where, by reason of the position, shape or color, it may interfere with, obstruct the view of or be confused with any authorized traffic signs, signal or device, or which makes use of the words, "STOP, LOOK, DRIVE-IN," GO SLOW", "CAUTION", or similar wording or other symbols as to interfere with, mislead or confuse traffic., No signs shall be allowed between a height of two and one-half (2.5) feet and ten (10) feet on the front property line
- C. Signs which blend with or can be confused with traffic signals.
- D. Signs which contain reflective materials which present a hazard or danger to traffic or the general public.
- E. Signs which are structurally unsound.
- F. Signs which display thereon or advertises any obscene, indecent or immoral matter.

Section E. Temporary Signs

No temporary sign shall be allowed except as set forth herein and which is affixed to a building, pole or other structure and located on the same property and allowed under the provisions of this Chapter. Temporary signs are allowed in all zoned districts as specified below. A sign permit is required for all temporary signs except for vehicle signs, construction signs, posters, garage sale signs, and non-profit organization events signs.

- A. Street Banners – It shall be unlawful for any person to have placed across or upon any public street, alley or place a banner, electrical or floral festoon, without first obtaining a permit/. Such banner or electrical or floral festoon shall be in conjunction with an official, civic, or philanthropic, festival, or parade and shall be allowed for a period not to exceed thirty-five (35) days as determined by the Building Inspector, Street banners shall be removed within seven (7) days after the event being advertised has occurred.
- B. Off-Building Advertising Banners – Shall be allowed, after obtaining a permit, for a period not to exceed fourteen (14) days per calendar quarter. They are subject to the building setback requirements of the zone in which they are Located. They may be used only n Commercial and Industrial zones and may

not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in total area. On-building banners do not require a permit, however total signage on any face of a building must not exceed 25% of the total area of the building face.

- C. Posters- Shall only be authorized in conjunction with an official, civic, or philanthropic event and shall be allowed only thirty-five (35) days prior to and forty-eight (48) hours after the event.
- D. Vehicular Signs – Any vehicle carrying or having a sign painted on it shall be considered a sign regulated under this chapter. Such signs shall be prohibited unless displayed on a vehicle in operable condition carrying all current valid licenses, tags or plates as required by all governmental authorities. This may include valid dealer licenses, tags or plates.
- E. Construction – Construction signs shall be allowed in all districts during the actual period of construction and shall be limited in size to sixty-four square feet and a height of twelve (12) feet. The sign announcement shall be limited to the project name, sponsor or funding agent, owner, general contractor and subcontractors, architect or engineer.
- F. Signs not exceeding five (5) square feet in area noting garage sales provided it is an on-site sign. This sign shall be allowed to be erected no more than seven (7) days prior to and two (2) days after the event that it advertises.
- G. Political and campaign signs on behalf of candidates for public office or measures on election ballots provided that said sign conforms to the following regulations.
 - a. (1) Said signs may be erected no earlier than ninety (90) days prior to said election and shall be removed within three (3) days following said election.
 - (2) No sign shall be located within or over the public right-of-way.
 - (3) The candidate or the candidate's organization must obtain a general sign permit covering all of the candidate's signs in Parsons. There will be no charge for this permit.
 - (4) Political signs in residential districts shall be limited to sixteen (16) square feet in area and shall be limited to thirty-two (32) square feet in all other districts.

Section F. Exemptions

The following signs shall be allowed in all zoning districts of the City of Parsons provided that the sign conforms to the regulations of this Chapter. A sign permit is not required to erect exempt signs described below.

- A. Signs not more than two (2) square feet which identify street numbers, owner names, occupant name, and professional names, as allowed herein.
- B. Official National, State or Municipal flags properly displayed.
- C. Signs, identifying merchandise, or manufacturer, offering sale if on a dispensing or vending machine, or on windows.
- D. Signs wholly within buildings or on windows.

- E. Public signs that are signs erected by, or on the order of a public officer in the performance of his public duty, such as safety signs, danger, signs legal notices and such temporary, emergency or non-advertising signs as may be approved by the Building Inspector.,
- F. Historical markers as required by local, State, or Federal authorities.
- G. Signs of a primary decorative nature,. Clearly, incidental and customary and commonly associated with any national, local or religious holiday.
- H. No trespassing or no dumping signs.
- I. Memorial signs or tablets, names of buildings and date of erection when cut in any masonry surface or when constructed on bond or noncombustible material.
- J. Public signs, or signs specifically authorized for public purposes by any law, statute or chapter; which may be of any type, number, area, height above grade, location, illumination or animation, required by law, statute or chapter under which the signs are erected. Also exempted are signs on public property erected by order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, which shall be allowed subject to all appropriate sight, distance, and safety considerations being met, as determined by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
- K. Warning signs warning the public of the existence of danger, containing no advertising material, of a size as may be necessary to be removed upon the subsidence of danger.
- L. Private property directional signs such as “no parking”, “exit”, “parking”, etc., not to exceed five (5) square feet.
- M. Non-electrical free standing business and non-electrical attached business signs will not require permits if they do not exceed thirtytwo (32) square feet.

Section G. Illegal, Nonconforming, and Unused Signs

A. Illegal Signs

1. Definition: An illegal sign is any sign erected or altered after the effective date of this Chapter not complying with the provisions thereof unless said provision was expressly waived or granted a variance.
2. Disposition: Any illegal sign shall be removed from the premises upon which it is located within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Chapter or notice of violation and shall not remain on the premises or elsewhere in the City until a sign permit is issued.

B. Nonconforming Signs – Any sign that has been erected, constructed or placed in its location and that is being used as of the effective date of this Chapter, shall be conclusively presumed to have been so erected, constructed or placed and used in compliance with the codes and chapters of the City of Parsons pertaining to signs that were in effect immediately prior to such date.

1. Any sign that is non-conforming because it fails to comply with the provisions of this Chapter may not be repaired, restored or reconstructed, provided that such work alters structurally, extends, or

- enlarges, in whole or in part, unless such sign as to altered, extended or enlarged shall conform with the provisions of this Chapter and a proper permit is obtained.
2. No owner, user, or other person shall alter any non-conforming sign (including alterations in the colors, letters, words, numbers, objects or symbols appearing thereon, excluding message boards), unless such sign as so altered shall conform to the provisions of this chapter./ The violation of any one or more of the flowing regulations shall constitute a forfeiture of the right to continue to use and maintain a non-conforming sign. Consequently, this sign will now be defined as an illegal sign.
 - a. A non-conforming sign shall not be replaced with another non-conforming sign.
 - b. A non-conforming sign shall not have any changes in the words, logo or symbols that are a part of a message unless the sign if a freestanding message board, mom-portable.
 - c. A non-confirming sign shall mot be structurally altered so as to prolong the life of the sign, to be increased in size or shape, Or type, or design.
 - d. A non-conforming sign shall not be re-established after damage or destruction if the estimated expense of reconstruction exceeds 50% of the value of the original structure
 - e. A non-conforming sign shall mot be re-established after the activity or name of the business or ownership shall be changed requiring a change in the sign name or advertisement itself.
 3. All signs which are nonconforming because of the use of flashing, blinking, intermittent or exposed lighting (except neon); signs which constitute a traffic hazard, block or restrict the visibility of motorists or pedestrians; otherwise constitute an immediate hazard to the general health, safety and welfare of the public of the City, shall be brought into conformity within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Chapter. If such signs are not removed within the aforementioned ten (10) day period, written notification of the obligation to remove such signs shall be furnished by the Building Inspector and deliverer to the sign owner/user/property owner by certified mail and the owner/user/property owner shall thereafter be required to remove said sign from the premises within five (5) days of the receipt of notification from the Building Inspector. Failure t remove such signs within the time periods herein provided shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.
 4. Disposition: It shall be the duty of the sign owner/user and property owner to remove any nonconforming sign in accordance with the requirements of this Section.
 5. A request for a variance or interpretation of this chapter, as it pertains to the mom-conformity, and which is filed within thirty 930) days of the

effective date of this chapter, shall stay further administrative actions pertaining to said sign until such time as the variance or request for interpretation is acted upon.

C. Unused (Abandoned) Signs

1. Definition: An unused or abandoned sign is a sign that meets any of the following criteria:
 - a. A sign that identified an establishment or goods or services that are no longer provided on the premises where the sign is located.
 - b. A sign that identifies a time, event or purpose which has passed or no longer applies.
 - c. This also applies to sign structures with or without a sign.
2. Disposition:
 - a. Any sign which is defined under paragraph C.(1)(a) of this subsection, and which condition exists for a period of one month, and which sign is otherwise nonconforming, shall be removed by the owner/user/property owner within five (5) days of the end of the one month (thirty (30) day) period.
 - b. Any sign which is defined under subparagraph C.(1)(a) of this subsection which remains in such condition for a period of one month, and which sign is otherwise conforming shall have its copy vacated within thirty (30) days from when the stated circumstances commenced. If the copy remains vacant for a period of six (6) months or more from the date the stated circumstances commenced, the sign structure shall be removed by the owner/user/property owner. Removal shall be within five (95) days following the expiration of the aforementioned six (6) month period.
 - c. Any sign defined under subparagraph C(1)(b) of this subsection shall be removed by the owner/user /property owner within three (3) days from the time the event or purpose has passed or no longer applies.
 - d. Removal:

(1) Any illegal, nonconforming or unused sign which is not removed from the premises by the owner/user/property owner within the time frames prescribed herein shall be considered a violation of the provisions of this Ordinance and shall be subject to the maximum penalties allowed by law. Each day such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Failure to Remove: A failure to remove any illegal, nonconforming or unusual sign and subsequent failure by the Building Inspector to duly notify the owner/user/property owner of the provisions of this Section shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of any violations of this Ordinance, nor shall such inaction be deemed to constitute a determination that any such sign is legal, in conformity with this Ordinance or to be given any special status. If, through administrative neglect or inaction, any owner/user/ property owner is not notified of the requirements of this Ordinance within the time frames herein set forth, but is later so notified, said owner/user/property owner shall take action to either correct the illegality, nonconformity or nonuse or shall cause the sign to be removed within twenty (20) days of such notification.

Section H. Appeals to the Board of Zoning Appeals

A. Right to Appeal

1. Except for instances relating to signs located or proposed to be located on public property, which is within the jurisdiction of the City Board, any person who has been ordered by the Building Inspector for the removal of any sign, or any person whose application for a permit for a sign has been refused, may appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals by serving written notice to the Building Inspector. Such appeals to the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be on forms provided by the Building Inspector and upon filing of a notice of appeal, the Building Inspector shall take no further action with regard to the sign involved until the final decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals has been rendered, unless the Building Inspector finds by reason of condition, location or nature of the sign involved presents an immediate and serious danger to the public, in which case he shall proceed immediately as provided herein.
2. Variances. The Board of Zoning Appeals may grant variances concerning the height and setback of signs, the period for removal of nonconforming signs, the maximum sign area, the maximum number of signs, the removal of prohibited signs, and such others as provide for herein only if the following determinations have been made:
 - a. The appeal falls within the jurisdiction of the Board.
 - b. That all parties directly in interest have been notified of the proceedings.

- c. That the granting of the appeal would not have the effect of applying sign standards from a less restrictive zone.
- d. That the property cannot be reasonably used in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance.
- e. That the difficulty complained of is unique to the property in question and is not common to all properties similarly situated.
- f. S

Section L. Permits

In accordance with this Ordinance, no sign shall be erected, altered, or relocated without a building permit acquired subject to the following:

- A. The permit application shall contain the location of the sign structure, the name and address of the sign owner and sign erection, a drawing showing the design, location, materials and colors of the sign.
- B. Required electrical permits shall be obtained prior to submission for a building permit.
- C. . Fees for permanent signs shall be in accordance with the normal rate schedule for the Standard Building Code as adopted with a minimum fee of \$15.00. Fees for temporary signs shall be the minimum permit fee.
- D. A building permit for a sign shall become null and void if the sign has not been completed within six (6) months of the date of the permit or the sign varies in any respect from the approved design and location.
- E. Normal sign maintenance t prolong the life of the sign shall not require a permit.
- F. Permits issued to non-profit organizations will mot be charged a fee/

Section 2. Be It further Ordained that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage after the final reading. The Public Welfare Requiring It.

Date of First Reading

Date of Public Hearing

Mayor of Parsons

Date of Second Reading

ARTICLE IV

ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

SECTION

- A. Classification of Districts.
- B. Boundaries of Districts
- C. Provisions Governing Signs

Section A. Classification of Districts For the purpose of this ordinance, Parsons, Tennessee, is hereby divided into five (5) districts, designated as follows:

- R-1 Low Density Residential
- R-2 Medium Density Residential

- B-1 General Business
- B-2 Central Business District

- M-1 Industrial

Section B. Boundaries of Districts

1. The boundaries of districts in Section A of this Chapter are hereby established as shown on the Official Zoning Map entitled "Zoning Map of Parsons, Tennessee," which is a part of this ordinance and which is on file in the city hall.
2. Unless otherwise indicated on the zoning map, the boundaries are lot lines, the center lines of streets or alleys, railroad rights-of-way, or the corporate limit lines as they existed at the time of the enactment of this ordinance. Questions concerning the exact locations of district boundaries shall be determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
4. Where a district boundary divides a lot, as existing at the time this ordinance takes effect and the major portion of said lot is in the less restricted district, the regulations relative to that district may be extended to twenty (20) feet within the more restricted district within said lot.

Section C. Provisions Governing Signs

Statement of Purpose

The regulations set forth herein are established in order to promote and protect public health, safety, comfort, prosperity, welfare, and in order to accomplish the following specific purposes to enhance the economy, business, and industry of Parsons by promoting the reasonable, orderly, and effective use and display of signs; to enhance

the physical appearance of the city; to protect the general public from damage and injury which might be caused by the faulty and uncontrolled construction and use of signs within the city; to protect the public use of streets and highways by reducing sign or advertising distractions that may increase traffic accidents; to protect the physical and mental well being of the general public by recognizing and encouraging a sense of aesthetic appreciation for the visual environment; and to preserve the value of private property by assuring the compatibility of signs with surrounding land uses.

Definitions

Abandoned/Obsolete Sign – any sign which identified or advertises a business, lesser, service, owner, product, or activity, which is no longer available at the indicated location or no longer available on the premises or for which no legal owner can be found.

Animated sign – A sign that uses movement or change of light to depict or to create a special effect or scene (does not include time, temperature or message signs).

Attached Business Sign – Any sign which is affixed directly to or otherwise inscribed or painted on a wall or parapet wall of any building or structure with the exposed face of the sign in a plane approximately parallel to the plane of such wall and extending there from less than twelve (12) inches.

Awning/Canopy Sign – A sign painted on, printed on, or attached flat against the surface of an awning or canopy projecting from and supported by the exterior wall of a building.

Banner Sign – A sign made of fabric or other non-rigid materials with no enclosing framework. National flags, state or municipal flags, or the official flag of any institution or business shall not be considered banners.

Building Inspector – The city official or authorized representative charged with the responsibilities of enforcing the chapter.

Business Identification Signs – A freestanding sign identifying a recognized firm, business, or service.

Canopy – An extension of the roof of a building or a freestanding structure that has a roof with support, but no walls.

Central Business District – The area contained within the CB (Central Business) zone as identified on the Official Zoning Map of Parsons, Tennessee.

Construction Sign – A temporary sign identifying an architect, contractor, subcontractor, and/or material supplier participating in construction on the property on which the sign is located.

Directional/Informational Sign – Any on-premises sign giving directions, instructions, or facility information, e.g., parking or exist and entrance signs, and which may contain the name or logo of an establishment but no other advertising copy.

Flashing Sign – Any directly or indirectly illuminated sign that contains an intermittent flashing light source. (This does not include message center or time/temperature signs)

Freestanding Sign – Any sign supported by uprights or braces placed on or in the ground and not attached to any building..

Ground Sign – Any sign supported by the found with little or no vertical clearance.

Height (of a sign)- This vertical distance measured from the highest point of the sign, excluding decorative embellishments, to the grade of the adjacent street or the surface grade beneath the sign, whichever is less.

Illegal Sign – Any sign and/or advertising structure erected without a permit required by this Ordinance, or in violation of any of the limitations, prohibitions or requirements of this Ordinance.

Maintenance – For the purposes of this Ordinance, the cleaning, painting repair, or replacement of defective parts or a sign in a manner that does not alter the basic copy, design, or structure of the sign.

Mall Grouping Signs – Signs on one pole identifying a group of stores, businesses, or professional offices located in one development. These include office center signs and shopping center signs..

Message Board – A sign with changeable,. Removable letters to allow the user to replace or update the copy on the sign.

Nonconforming Sign (a) Any sign which was erected legally but which does not comply with subsequently enacted sign regulations and restrictions; (b) A sign which does not conform to the Sign Code requirements but for which a variance has been issued. These signs are grandfathered provided they do not violate the provisions of Section 11-1507(b).

Off-Premise Sign – A sign not located n the property that it advertises.

Off Center – Two or more offices having a common parking lot.

Owner – The fee owner of a sign, the lessee of the sign, the fee holder of the property upon which the sign is located, the leaseholder of such property or the individual, person or business who has purchased the copy on a sign.

Political Sign – A sign displaying the name and/or picture of an individual seeking election to a public office or a sign otherwise relating to a forthcoming public election or referendum.

Projecting Sign – Any sign which by its construction or nature may be or is intended to be freely moved from one location to another. When on a trailer, the removal of the wheels or undercarriage does not place the sign in another category; neither does the anchoring of the sign by means of concrete blocks, sandbags or other types of temporary anchors. Portable signs include, but are not limited to, signs designed to be transported by means of wheel, signs converted to A or T frames, Menu and sandwich board signs, balloons used as signs, umbrellas used for advertising.

Public Sign – Any temporary or permanent sign erected and maintained by the City, County, State or Federal Government for traffic direction or for the designation of or direction to any school, hospital, historical site, or public service, property or facility.

Real Estate Sign – Any temporary sign advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for rent, lease or sale.

Residential Districts- Any temporary sign advertising the real estate upon which the sign is located as being for rent, lease or sale.

Residential Districts – Any parcel in the City of Parsons zoned R-1, R-2 or R-3.

Roof Sign – Any sign erected, constructed or maintained wholly or partially upon or over the roof line of any building with the principal structural support on the roof or building structure.

Shopping Center – Two or more businesses sharing a common parking lot. This shall include indoor and outdoor malls

Sign – Any object, device, graphic design or part thereof, situated outdoors or indoors and which object, device, graphic design or the effect produced is used to advertise, announce, identify, declare, demonstrate, display, instruct, direct or attract attention by any means including words, letters, figures, designs, fixtures, colors, motion, illumination, sound and projecting images. Any sign requiring a permit is considered to be a structure.

Sign Area – (a) Freestanding, Roof and Projecting Signs. The area enclosed by one continuous line, connecting the extreme points or edges of the sign. The area shall be determined using the largest sign area or silhouette, but excluding the necessary supports or uprights. Two-sided signs constructed back to back shall use the square footage of one side only for compliance. Three-sided signs with an angle more than 60 degrees between the faces shall be figured using one face only. (b) Attached Business, Awning and Canopy Signs: The area including all lettering, wording, and accompanying design or symbols together with any background. For a sign composed

of individual letters or figures, the area is that of the smallest rectangle or other geometric shape that encompasses all the letters or symbols.

Sign Permit – A written permit granted by the Building Inspector for the erection, construction, enlargement, relocation or conversion of any sign for which a permit is required.

Subdivision, Identification Sign – A freestanding or wall sign identifying a recognized subdivision, condominium complex or residential development.

Time and Temperature Sign – Electrically controlled public service time, temperature and date signs displayed on a lamp, bank, other electronic display

Tempo pray Sign.- Any sign, banner, pennant, valance or advertising display or sign constructed of light fabric, cardboard, wallboard, plywood, paper or other light materials, with or without frames, intended to be displayed for a limited period of time, i.e. garage sale, rummage, open house and similar typ4s of signs.

User – The fee user of a sign, the lessee of the sign, the fee holder of the property upon which the sign is located, the leaseholder of such property or the individual, person or business who has purchased the copy of a sign.

Vehicle Mounted Sign – Any sign painted on or attached to a vehicle relating to the business, activity, use, service or product of the owner of the vehicle, or to the sale of the vehicle and which sign is incidental to the primary use of the vehicle.

Window Sign – Any on-premise business sign installed in or on a window and intended to be viewed from the outside.

ARTICLE V

PROVISIONS GOVERNING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

SECTION

- A. R-1 (Low Density Residential) Districts.
- B. R-2 (Medium Density Residential) Districts.

Section A. R-1 (Low Density Residential) Districts. Within the R-1 (Low Density Residential) Districts, as shown on the zoning map of Parsons, Tennessee, the following regulations shall apply:

1. Uses Permitted

- (a) Single family and two family dwellings, excluding mobile homes on individual lots.
- (b) Accessory buildings or uses customarily incidental to any aforementioned permitted use.
- (c) Real estate signs advertising the sale, rental, or leasing of only the premises on which they are maintained, provided that they are not over four (4) square feet in area.

2. Uses Permissible on Appeal

- (a) Churches and other places of worship, parish houses, public libraries, schools offering general education courses, public parks and public recreational facilities, railroad right-of-way, as a matter of right, provided, however, that the provisions of this ordinance are observed and subject to approval of the site plans by the Board of Zoning Appeals. The board of Zoning Appeals may attach such conditions to permit as are necessary to minimize vehicle and pedestrian congestion and to preserve and protect the character of the district.
- (b) The Board of Zoning Appeals may at its discretion permit county, state, or federal uses, public utilities facilities, cemeteries, philanthropic institutions and clubs, except a club the chief activity of which is customarily carried on as a business, general farming uses, gardens, and buildings incidental thereto, but not including commercial, animal or poultry farms or kennels; provided, however, that no permit shall be issued except with written approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals and subject to such conditions as the Board of Zoning Appeals may require in order to preserve and

protect the character of the neighborhood in which the proposed use is located.

- (c) Customary incidental home occupations provided that no building permit or certificate of occupancy for such use shall be issued without the written approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals and subject to such conditions as the Board of Zoning Appeals may require in order to protect and preserve the character of the neighborhood in which the proposed use is located; and then provided further that:
- (1) the proposed use shall be located and conducted in the principal building only;
 - (2) the principals and employees engaged in the proposed use shall be residents of the dwelling unit in which the proposed use is located;
 - (3) not more than fifteen (15) percent of the total floor area in dwelling unit shall be devoted to proposed use;
 - (4) proposed use shall not constitute primary or incidental storage facilities for a business, industrial, or agricultural activity conducted elsewhere;
 - (5) no activity, materials, goods, or equipment indicative of the proposed use shall be visible from any public way;
 - (6) the proposed use shall not be advertised by the display of goods or signs on the lot on which the proposed use is located;
 - (7) the proposed use shall not generate noise, odor, fumes, smoke, vehicular or pedestrian traffic, nor nuisance of any kind which would tend to depreciate the residential character of the neighborhood in which the proposed use is located; and
 - (8) the proposed use shall provide adequate off-street parking facilities;
 - (9) the following occupations, subject to the preceding requirements, shall be the only ones permitted as customary home occupations, provided a resident of the home is engaged in such occupations.
 - (I) Artist, sculptor, author
 - (II) Dressmaker, milliner, seamstress, tailor
 - (III) Beauty and barber shops, limited to two (2) operators, one of whom may be a non-resident of the home.

- (IV) Day care, provided compliance with all State and Federal laws governing day care.
 - (V) Foster care, provided compliance with all State and federal laws governing foster care.
 - (VI) Teaching, including tutoring, musical instruction or dancing, but limited to two (2) pupils present for instruction at one time.
 - (VII) Rooming and boarding houses limited to three (3) non-family roomers or boarders.
 - (VIII) Other uses similar in nature, which will not be a detriment to the neighborhood or adjacent structures, as determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- (10) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to mean the discontinuance of an existing lawful home occupation, but henceforth all new home occupations, and those existing home occupations allowed to lapse for one (1) year or more shall be governed by the foregoing provisions relative to home occupations.
- (d) Bed and Breakfast Homestays provided they meet the following criteria:
- a. The Bed and Breakfast Homestay must be located on a route designated as either an existing or proposed arterial or collector status street on the official <Major Road Plan for the City of Parsons.
 - b. The principals and employees engaged in the operation shall be residents of the dwelling unit in which the operation is located, provided that non-resident temporary cleaning services may be engaged for the operation.
 - c. No more than three sleeping rooms shall be used for occupancy by paying guests. Residents shall establish sleeping quarters separate and distinct from those provided for guests.
 - d. All applicable Federal, State, and municipal Codes, including municipal fire, building, and electrical codes shall be complied with as a condition of approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
 - e. The outside appearance of the dwelling unit shall maintain conformance with the general character of the neighborhood in which it is located.
 - f. A minimum of one on-site parking space shall be provided in addition to any parking required for the principal residents.

g. One sign, no more than three square feet in area and no higher than six feet above ground level with no illumination shall be permitted to identify the bed and breakfast establishment.

h. An accurately drawn site plan shall be presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. The site plan shall show the location of the principal building, off street parking, relationship to adjoining properties and surrounding land use, existing zoning of the proposed site, any required screening, and other information as required

i. Any conditions established by the Board of Zoning Appeals as necessary to protect the surrounding neighborhood shall be the responsibility of the proprietors of the bed and breakfast establishment.

3. Uses Prohibited

(a) Any other use of structure not specifically permitted or permissible on appeal in this Chapter. This shall include mobile homes on individual lots, mobile home parks, advertising signs or billboards, except as specifically permitted by this provision.

4. Location of Accessory Buildings

(a) No accessory building shall be erected in any required front or side yard. Accessory building shall not cover more than thirty (30) percent of any required rear yard, and shall be at least five (5) feet from all lot lines and from any other building on the same lot.

(b) Accessory buildings on corner lots shall conform to front yard setbacks for both intersecting streets.

5. Regulations Controlling Lot Area, Lot Width, Yards, Building Height The principal building shall be located so as to comply with the following requirements:

(a) Minimum required lot area

(1) Single Family 10,000 sq. ft

(2) Two family 17,500 sq. ft.

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| (3) | Churches | One (1) acre or 200 square feet of lot area per auditorium seat, whichever is greater |
| (4) | Schools | Four (4) acres plus one (1) acre for each 100 students |
| (5) | Other Uses | As required by the Board of Zoning Appeals |
- (b) Minimum required lot width at the building line
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| (1) | Dwellings | 75 feet |
| (2) | Churches | 200 feet |
| (3) | Other Uses | As required by the Board of Zoning Appeal |
- (c) Minimum required front yard
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| (1) | Dwellings | 30 feet |
| (2) | Churches | 40 feet |
| (3) | Other Uses | 40 feet or more as required by the Board of the Zoning Appeals |
- (d) Minimum required rear yard
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| (1) | Dwellings | 30 feet |
| (2) | Churches | 30 feet |
| (3) | Other Uses | 30 feet or more as required by the Board of Zoning Appeals |
| (4) | Rear Yard on Corner Lot | 25 feet |
- (e) Minimum required side yard on each side of lot
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| (1) | Dwellings -
One & Two Story | 15 feet |
| | Three Story | 20 feet |
| (2) | Churches | 30 feet |
| (3) | Other Uses | 15 feet or more as required by the Board of Zoning Appeals |
- (f) Minimum required side yard for side facing street on corner lots - 30 feet

(g) Maximum lot coverage by all buildings

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| (1) | Dwellings and accessory | 30% |
| (2) | Churches | 25% |
| (3) | Other Uses | 50% or less as required by the Board of Zoning Appeals |

(h) Maximum permitted height of structures

- (1) No building shall exceed three (3) stories or thirty-five (35) feet in height.
- (2) On a lot less than fifty (50) feet in width at the building line no building shall exceed one and one-half (1 1/2) stories or twenty-five (25) feet in height.
- (3) No accessory building shall exceed two (2) stories in height.
- (4) Free standing poles, spires, towers, antennae and similar structures not designed for, or suitable to human occupancy may exceed the height provisions of this ordinance provided they comply with all other codes and ordinances and provided that they are located a distance equal to their own height plus ten (10) feet from the nearest property lines, unless adjoining property owners sign a written waiver.

Section B. R-2 (Medium Density Residential) Districts. Within the R-2 (Medium Density Residential) Districts as shown on the Zoning Map of Parsons, Tennessee, the following regulations shall apply:

1. Uses Permitted

- (a) Single family and two family dwellings, and mobile homes on individual lots.
- (b) Townhouses and multiple family dwellings or apartments, provided however, that the Building Inspector shall not issue a permit for any dwelling containing three (3) or more units until a site plan has been submitted to and approved by the Parson Planning Commission. The site plan shall show the location, height, and bulk of all proposed buildings, pedestrian and vehicular circulation, off-street parking, walls, hedges, fences and the proposed system for storm drainage. The proposed building shall meet all minimum lot and yard requirements of this section. In addition, the planning commission shall have the power to impose greater requirements than those set forth in this section or to impose conditions on the location and design of access points or other features as may be required to protect the neighborhood from traffic congestion or other similar features not directly related to the public health, safety and welfare. The planning commission and city board shall state in writing the reasons for denial of any properly submitted site plan. Any site plan not acted upon within sixty (60) days from submittal shall be deemed approved.
- (c) Mobile Home Park, provided however, that a site plan has been submitted to and approved by the Parsons Planning Commission, and further provided that the park is developed in conformance with the following minimum requirements and provisions:
 - 1. The site shall contain a minimum of two (2) acres.
 - 2. The site plan drawn to a scale of 1" = 100' shall include:
 - a. Area and dimensions of the tract of land to be used for a mobile home park;
 - b. Number, location and size of all mobile home and trailer spaces;
 - c. Location and width of roadways, walkways, and easements;
 - d. Location of all existing or proposed buildings and other structures, screening and existing or proposed utilities;
 - e. Topography and a drainage and grading plan for the site.

3. Mobile homes shall not be used for commercial, industrial, or other non-residential uses within the mobile home park.
4. Access roads within a mobile home park shall be to a width of not less than eighteen (18) feet. Where access roads are to a width of twenty eight (28) feet or more, the required guest parking area shall be waived.

- a. Access roads shall be constructed in the following manner:

Base

A compacted base course of crushed stone, (Grade D or Grade B), Camden chert, or equal six (6) inches deep and three (3) feet wider than the width of the pavement requirement on each side of the road (twenty-four (24) total).

5. All mobile homes shall be secured to the site through an anchorage system consisting of over the top tie downs to restrict the unit from being pushed from its piers. These tie downs shall meet the anchorage requirements specified by Tennessee State Statutes.
6. Utility connections shall be provided in a permanent type installation at each mobile home space.
7. Each mobile home space shall be adequate for the type of unit occupying type of the same. In addition, each mobile home space shall contain:
 - a. A minimum lot area of thirty-six hundred (3,600) square feet.
 - b. A minimum front yard of twenty (20) feet shall be required, unless end parking of an automobile is provided. In the case that side parking is provided, the minimum side yard requirement shall be fifteen (15) feet.
8. Each mobile home park shall be set back a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from all street or road right-of-ways.
9. There shall be a setback of ten (10) feet from other property lines.
10. Recreation areas and facilities, such as playgrounds, swimming pools, and community buildings should be provided to meet the anticipated needs of the clientele the park is designed to serve.

11. Required off-street parking areas.

- a. Off-street parking areas shall be provided in all mobile home parks for the use of park occupants and guest. Such areas shall be furnished at a rate of at least two (2) car spaces for each mobile home lot.
- b. The size of the individual parking space shall consist of a minimum width of not less than ten (10) feet and a length of not less than twenty (20) feet.
- c. Additional parking spaces for recreational centers, service buildings and other accessory uses may be required by the planning commission according to the design of the mobile home park site plan.
- (d) Assessorly buildings customarily incidental to any aforementioned permitted use.
- (e) Real estate signs advertising the sale, rental or lease of only the premises on which they are maintained, provided they are not over four (4) square feet in area.

2. Uses Permissible on Appeal

- (a) Churches and other places of worship, parish houses, public libraries, schools offering general education courses, public parks and public recreational facilities, and railroad right-of-way shall be permitted as a matter of right, provided, however, that the provisions of this ordinance are observed and subject to approval of the site plans by the Board of Zoning Appeals. The Board of Zoning Appeals may attach such conditions to the permit as are necessary to minimize vehicle and pedestrian congestion and to preserve and protect the character of the district in which the proposed use is located. This power shall include: the power to require greater setbacks and yard spaces than required by other provisions of this ordinance, the power to specify access points and driveway and parking locations, and similar site design matters. This power shall not include the power to specify or alter the style of proposed buildings, the power to specify building materials or colors, or other similar powers.
- (b) The Board of Zoning Appeals may at its discretion permit county, state, or federal uses, public utilities facilities, cemeteries, kindergartens, philanthropic institutions and clubs, except a club the chief activity of which is customarily general farming uses, gardens, and buildings incidental thereto, but not including commercial animal or poultry farms or kennels; provided, however, that no permit shall be issued except with the written

approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals and subject to such conditions as the Board of Zoning Appeals may require in order to preserve and protect the character of the neighborhood in which the proposed use is located.

- (c) Customary incidental home occupation provided that no building or certificate of occupancy for such use shall be issued without the written approval of the Board of Zoning Appeals and subject to such conditions as the Board of Zoning Appeals may require in order to protect and preserve the character of the neighborhood in which the proposed use is located; and then provided further that:
 - (1) the proposed use shall be located and conducted in the principal building only;
 - (2) not more than fifteen (15) percent of the total floor area in dwelling unit shall be devoted to proposed use;
 - (3) the principals and employees engaged in proposed use shall be residents of the dwelling unit in which the proposed use is located;
 - (4) proposed use shall not constitute primary or incidental storage facilities for a business, industrial, or agricultural activity conducted elsewhere;
 - (5) no activity, materials, goods, or equipment indicative of the proposed use shall be visible from any public way;
 - (6) the proposed use shall not be advertised by the display of goods or signs on the lot on which the proposed use is located;
 - (7) the proposed use shall not generate noise, odor, fumes, smoke, vehicles or pedestrian traffic, nor nuisance of any kind which would tend to depreciate the residential character of the neighborhood in which the proposed use is located;
 - (8) the proposed use shall provide adequate off-street parking facilities;
 - (9) the following occupations, subject to the preceding requirements, shall be the only ones permitted as customary home occupations provided a resident of the home is engaged in such occupations:
 - (I) Artist, sculptor, author;
 - (II) Dressmaker, milliner, seamstress, tailor;

- (III) Beauty and barber shops, limited to two (2) operators, one of whom may be a non-resident of the home;
- (IV) Day care, provided, compliance with all State and Federal laws governing day care;
- (V) Foster care, provided compliance with all State and Federal laws governing day care;
- (VI) Teaching, including tutoring, musical instruction or dancing, but limited to two (2) pupils present for instruction at any one time;
- (VII) Rooming and boarding houses limited to three (3) non-family roomers or boarders;
- (VIII) Other uses similar in nature, which will not be a detriment to the neighborhood or adjacent structures, as determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

(10) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to mean the discontinuance of an existing lawful home occupation, but henceforth all new home occupations, and those existing home occupations allowed to lapse for one (1) year or more shall be governed by the foregoing provisions relative to home occupations.

3. Uses Prohibited

- (a) Any other use or structure not specifically permitted or permissible on appeal in this Article. This shall include advertising signs, or billboards, except as specifically permitted by these provisions.

4. Location of Accessory Buildings

- (a) No accessory building shall be erected in any required front or side yard. Accessory buildings shall not cover more than thirty (30) percent of any required rear yard, and shall be at least five (5) feet from all lot lines and from any other building on the same lot.
- (b) Accessory buildings on corner lots shall conform to front yard setback for both intersecting streets.

5. Regulations Controlling Lot Area, Lot Width, Yards, Building Coverage and Building Height

- (a) Minimum required lot area

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| (1) | Single Family | 7,500 sq. ft |
| (2) | Two Family | 12,500 sq. ft |
| (3) | Multi-Family | 5,500 sq. ft. for the first dwelling unit plus 2,500 sq. ft. for each additional dwelling unit. |
| (4) | Townhouses | 3,500 sq. ft. per unit |
| (5) | Churches | One (1) acre or 200 sq. ft. of lot area per auditorium seat, whichever is greater. |
| (6) | Schools | Four (4) acres plus one (1) acre for each 100 students. |
| (7) | Mobile Home Park | Minimum of two acres. |
| (8) | Other Uses | As required by the Board of Zoning Appeals. |

(b) Minimum required lot width at the building line

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| (1) | Dwellings and apartments | 60 feet |
| (2) | Townhouses | None |
| (3) | Churches | 100 feet |
| (4) | Other Uses | As required by the Board of Zoning Appeals. |

(c) Minimum required front yard

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| (1) | Dwellings and apartments | 25 feet |
| (2) | Townhouses | 25 feet |
| (3) | Churches | 30 feet |
| (4) | Other Uses | 30 feet or more as required by the Board of Zoning Appeals. |

(d) Minimum required rear yard

- (1) Dwellings and apartments 25 feet
 - (2) Townhouses 25 feet
 - (3) Churches 30 feet
 - (4) Other Uses 30 feet or more as required by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
 - (5) On Corner lots Minimum of 20 feet provided street side yards are kept at 25 feet.
- (e) Minimum required side yard on each side of lot
- (1) Dwellings and apartments 10 feet
 - (2) Townhouses None on side with townhouse common wall, seven (7) feet in all other cases
 - (3) Churches 25 feet
 - (4) Other Uses 10 feet or more as required by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- (f) Minimum required side yard for side facing street on corner lots - 25 feet
- (g) Maximum lot coverage by all buildings
- (1) Dwellings, townhouses, apartments and accessories 35%
 - (2) Churches 30%
 - (3) Other Uses 50% or less as required by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- (h) Maximum permitted height of structures
- (1) No building shall exceed three (3) stories or thirty-five (35) feet in height.
 - (2) On a lot less than fifty (50) feet in width at the building line no building shall exceed one and one-half (1 1/2) stories or twenty-five (25) feet in height.

- (3) Free standing poles, spires, towers, antennae and similar structures not designed for, or suitable to human occupancy may exceed the height provisions of this ordinance provided they comply with all other codes and ordinances and provided that they are located a distance equal to their own height plus ten (10) feet from the nearest property line unless adjoining property owners sign written waiver.

ARTICLE VI

PROVISIONS GOVERNING BUSINESS DISTRICTS

SECTION

- A. B-1 (General Business) Districts
- B. B-2 (Central Business) Districts

SECTION A. B-1 (General Business) Districts. Within the B-1 (General Business) Districts as shown on the Zoning Map of Parsons, Tennessee, the following regulations shall apply:

1. Uses Permitted.

- (1) Retail trade - building materials, hardware and farm equipment (52) except for lumber yards and other building materials - retail (521)
- (2) Retail trade - general merchandise (53).
- (3) Retail trade- food (54).
- (4) Retail trade- automotive, marine craft, aircraft and accessories (55) except for auto parts used (junk yards.)
- (5) Retail trade - apparel and accessories (56).
- (6) Retail trade - furniture, home furnishings and equipment (57)
- (7) Retail trade - eating and drinking (58) except for. drinking places (alcoholic beverages)(582).
- (8) Other retail trade not elsewhere coded (59) except for. liquor retail (592).
- (9) Religious Activities

(B) Services

- (1) Finance, insurance and real estate services (61).
- (2) Personal services (62).

- (3) Business services (63) except for: warehousing and storage services (637), disinfecting and exterminating services (6342) and outdoor advertising services (6312).
 - (4) Repair services (64)
 - (5) Professional services (65)
 - (6) Contract Construction services (66)
 - (7) Governmental Services (67) except for correctional institutions (674) and military bases (675)
 - (8) Education services (68) except for construction equipment operating schools, trade schools, truck driving schools and vocational apprenticeship schools (Ordinance No. 1988-2)
 - (9) Miscellaneous service (69)
 - (10) Religious Activities
 - (c) Amusements (73)
 - (d) Recreational Activities (74)
 - (e) Transient lodgings
 - (1) motels
 - (2) tourist courts
 - (3) hotels
 - (f) Veterinarian services 8221, and animal hospital services 8222
 - (g) Motor freight services (422)
 - (h) Accessory building customarily incidental to the permitted use.
2. Uses Permitted on Appeal.. No uses are permitted as a use on appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals
 3. Uses Prohibited. Any use not permitted or permitted as a use n appeal is prohibited.

4. Regulations Controlling Lot Area, Lot Widths, Yards and Building Height

- (a) Minimum required lot area
 - (1) Churches 15,000 sq. ft. or 200 sq. ft. of lot area per auditorium seating space whichever is greater
 - (2) Other Uses No minimum requirement
- (b) Minimum required lot width at building line
 - (1) Gasoline service station 120 feet
 - (2) Churches 100 feet
 - (3) Other Uses No minimum requirement
- (c) Minimum required front yard
 - (1) All Uses 25 feet
- (d) Minimum required rear yard
 - (1) All Uses 20 feet
- (e) Minimum required side yard on each side of lot
 - (1) Churches 25 feet
 - (2) Other Uses None required, however, if buildings do not have common or adjoining walls, there shall be a side yard of at least five (5) feet
 - (3) On lots adjacent to a residential district, all buildings shall be located so as to comply with the side yard requirement of the adjacent residential district on the side adjacent to the residential district.
- (f) Minimum required side yard for side facing street on corner lots - 25 feet
- (g) Installations essential to the business operation may be required to set back a greater distance from the street or alley so that any service

rendered by the business will not obstruct any public way. This determination is to be made by the Building Inspector.

(h) Maximum permitted height of structures

- (1) No building shall exceed three (3) stories or thirty-five (35) feet in height.
- (2) On a lot less than fifty (50) feet in width at the building line no building shall exceed one and one-half (1 1/2) stories or twenty-five (25) feet in height.
- (3) Free standing poles, spires, towers, antennae and similar structures not designed for, or suitable to human occupancy may exceed the height provisions of this ordinance provided they comply with all other codes and ordinances, and provided that they are located a distance equal to their own height plus 10 feet from the nearest property line unless adjoining property owners sign a written waiver.

SECTION B. B-2 (Central Business) District. Within the B-2 (Central Business) District as shown on the Zoning Map of Parsons, Tennessee, the following regulations shall apply:

1. Uses Permitted

- (a) Retail sales: Bakery and dairy products; drugs and pharmaceuticals; florist shops; gift shops; book stores; groceries; hardware; clothing and dry goods; hobby shops; camera shops; sporting goods; paint and wallpaper; furniture; household appliances; floor coverings and draperies; hats; shoes; air conditioning equipment; automobile parts; tires; jewelry stores; cloth shops; musical instruments; sales service; department stores and general merchandise; variety stores; automobile service stations.
- (b) Service: banks, saving and loan associations; barber shops; beauty shops; clinic; laundry and dry cleaning; printing business and professional offices; radio and television sales and service; shoe repair; hotels and motels; restaurants; photography studios; upholstery shops; commercial recreation; movie theaters and billiard parlors; business schools; art and music schools; driving schools; correspondence schools; beauty and barber schools; dancing schools; tailoring and dress-making; and watch repair.
- (c) Churches, clubs and lodge halls, federal, state and municipal uses.
- (d) Advertising signs and advertising structures or lights for illuminating signs or buildings, provided that they shall not be placed within the street right-of-way, nor shall they be lighted by flashing or rotating lights.
- (e) Any accessory use or building customarily incidental to the above permitted uses.

2. Uses Permitted on Appeal Any other use which in the opinion of the Board of Zoning Appeals is similar in character and not detrimental to the neighborhood.

Bed and Breakfast Homestays provided they meet the following the criteria:

- a. The Bed and Breakfast Homestay must be locate on a route designated as either an existing or proposed arterial or collector status street on the official Major Road Plan for the City of Parsons.
- b. The principals and employees engaged in the operation shall be residents of the dwelling unit in which the operation is located, provided that non-resident temporary cleaning services may be engaged for the operation.
- c. No more than three sleeping rooms shall be used for occupancy by paying guests. Residents shall establish sleeping quarters separate and distinct from those provided for guests.

d. All applicable Federal, State, and Municipal Codes, including municipal fire, building, and electrical codes shall be complied with as a condition of approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

e. The outside appearance of the dwelling unit shall maintain conformance with the general character of the neighborhood in which it is located.

f. A minimum of one on-site parking space shall be provided in addition to any parking required for the principal residents.

g. One sign, no more than three square feet in area and no higher than six feet above ground level with no illumination, shall be permitted to identify the bed and breakfast establishment.

h. An accurately drawn site plan shall be presented to the Board of Zoning Appeals at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting. The site plan shall show the location of the principal building, off street [along. Relationship to adjoining properties and surrounding land use, existing zoning of the proposed site, any required screening, and other information as required by the Parsons Board of Zoning Appeals.

i., Any conditions established by the Board of Zoning Appeals as necessary to protect the surrounding neighborhood shall be the responsibility of the proprietors of the bed and breakfast establishment.

3. Uses Prohibited Any use not specifically permitted or permissible on appeal in this Section.

4. Regulations Controlling Lot Area, Lot Widths, Yards and Building Height

(a) Minimum required lot area

(1) Churches	15,000 sq. ft. or 200 sq. ft. of lot area per auditorium seating space whichever is greater
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(2) Other Uses	No minimum requirements
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(b) Minimum required lot width at the building line

(1) Gasoline service stations	120 feet
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(2) Churches	100 feet
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(3) Other Uses	No minimum requirements
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(c) Minimum required front yard

(1) Gasoline service stations	25 feet
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(2) Churches	25 feet
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- (3) Other Uses No less than the minimum setback of other structures on the block in which it is located
- (d) Minimum required rear yard
 - (1) Service Stations 20 feet
 - (2) Churches 20 feet
 - (3) Other Uses No less than the minimum setback of other structures on the block in which it is located
- (e) Minimum required side yard on each side of lot
 - (1) Churches 25 feet
 - (2) Other Uses None required, however, if buildings do not have common or adjoining wall there shall be a side yard of at least five (5) feet
 - (3) On lots adjacent to a residential district, all buildings shall be located so as to comply with the side yard requirements of the adjacent residential district on the side adjacent to the residential district.
- (f) Minimum required side yard for side facing street on corner lots - None required, unless side yard has frontage on street of residential uses, in which case a 25 foot side yard is required.
- (g) Maximum permitted height of structures
 - (1) No building or structure shall exceed three (3) stories or thirty-five (35) feet in height.
 - (2) Free standing poles, spires, towers, antennae and similar structures not designed for, or suitable for human occupancy may exceed the height provisions of this ordinance provided they comply with all other codes and ordinances and provided that they are located a distance equal to their own height plus 10 feet from the nearest property line unless adjoining property owners sign a written waiver.

ARTICLE VII

PROVISIONS GOVERNING INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

SECTION

A. M-1 Industrial Districts

Section A. M-1 Industrial Districts Within the M-1 Industrial Districts as shown on the Zoning Map of Parsons, Tennessee, the following regulations shall apply:

1. Uses Permitted

(a) Wholesale Trade including:

- (1) Motor vehicles and automotive equipment wholesale except for auto parts used (auto junk yards)
- (2) Drugs, chemicals and allied products -wholesale
- (3) Dry goods and apparel -wholesale
- (4) Groceries and related products-wholesale
- (5) Farm products (raw materials) - wholesale except for livestock horses and mules wholesale
- (6) Electrical goods-wholesale
- (7) Machinery, equipment and supplies-wholesale
- (8) Other wholesale trade, NEC*-Limited to:
 - a. Metals and minerals (Except petroleum products and scrap wholesale)
 - b. Tobacco and tobacco products - wholesale
 - c. Beer, wine and distilled alcoholic beverages - wholesale
 - d. Paper and paper products - wholesale
 - e. Furniture and home furnishings - wholesale
 - f. Lumber and construction materials (wholesale)
 - g. Other wholesale trade, NEC*

- (b) Retail trade -limited to:
 - (1) Retail trade -eating and drinking
 - (2) Retail trade - building materials, hardware and farm equipment
- (c) Business services - limited to:
 - (1) Dwelling and other building services
 - (2) Warehousing and storage services - excluding
 - a. Stockyards
 - (3) Other business services - limited to:
 - a. Research, development and testing services
 - b. Equipment rental and leasing services
 - c. Automobile and truck rental services
- (d) Repair Services -
- (e) Professional services - limited to:
 - (1) medical laboratory services
 - (2) dental laboratory services
 - (3) Other medical and health services
- (f) Contract construction services
- (g) Governmental services excluding correctional institutions and military bases and reservations (Ordinance No. 1988-2)
- (h) Educational services including only vocational schools (Ordinance No. 1988-2) and nursery schools (Ordinance No. 1988-2)
- (l) Agricultural activities - limited to:
 - (1) Farms (predominant crop-fibers)
 - (2) Farms (predominant crop- cash grains)

- (3) Farms (predominant crop, fruits, tree nuts or vegetables)
- (j) Agricultural related activities
- (k) Manufacturing - including:
 - (1) Food and kindred products -manufacturing
 - (2) Textile mill products -manufacturing
 - (3) Apparel and other finished products made from fabrics, leather and similar materials - manufacturing except for:
 - a. leather and tanning and finishing
 - (4) Lumber and wood products (except furniture) manufacturing
 - (5) Furniture and fixtures - manufacturing
 - (6) Paper and allied products - manufacturing limited to:
 - a. Converted paper and paperboard products (except containers and boxes)
 - b. Paperboard containers and boxes, manufacturing
 - (7) Printing, publishing and allied industries
 - (8) Chemicals and allied products- manufacturing limited to:
 - a. Drug-manufacturing
 - b. Soap, detergents and cleaning preparations, perfume, cosmetics and other toilet preparation-manufacturing
 - (9) Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products - manufacturing
 - (10) Stone, clay and glass products - manufacturing
 - (11) Primary metal products - manufacturing
 - (12) Fabricated metal products - manufacturing

2. Uses Permitted on Appeal

- (a) Any other use which, in the opinion of the Board of Zoning Appeals, is similar in character to those enumerated in Sub-Section 1 of this Section and will not be detrimental to the district in which located, subject to such

conditions and safeguards as may be required by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

(b) Auto Wrecking Yard (Junk Yard), providing the Board of Zoning Appeals shall consider at least the following factors before granting approval:

1. The proposed use must front on a street of no lower classification than collector;
2. Must be an appropriate distance (as determined by the Board of Appeals) from all residential districts;
3. Adequate screening (as determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals) must be provided.

3. Uses Prohibited Any use not specifically permitted by the terms of this Chapter or permissible on appeals. The Board of Zoning Appeals shall specifically not have the authority to permit: single and multi-family dwellings; hotels and motels; bag cleaning; boiler and tank works; crematory; curing; tanning and storage of raw hides and skins; distillation of bones, coal, wood or scrap paper; rag storage or baling; sawmills; slaughter house or stockyards; smelting; and the manufacture of acetylene, acid, alcohol, ammonia, bleaching powder, chemicals, brick, pottery, terra cotta or tile, candles, disinfectants, dye stuffs, fertilizers, illuminating or heating gas (or storage of same), linseed oil, paint, screws and bolts, wire and tires, or any other use which would cause injurious or obnoxious noise, vibrations, smoke, gas, fumes, odors, dust or other objectionable conditions.

4. Regulations Controlling Yards and Building Height

a. Yard and Space Requirements:

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| (1) | Minimum Lot Area | None |
| (2) | Minimum Depth of front and corner side yards | 50 feet |
| (3) | Minimum width of other side yards and rear yards for each building other than accessory buildings. | 20 feet except along boundaries abutting a railroad |

b. Building Requirements When Lot Adjacent to a Developed Residential District Where a lot in the industrial district faces a developed residential district in the rear or on the side of the principal building or use and wherever an industrial building or use, except required off-street parking space, is to be within one hundred (100) feet of the residential district, a wall or fence of solid appearance or a tight evergreen hedge shall be placed and maintained parallel to the common district boundary and such wall, fence or hedge shall extend for any portion adjacent to or facing the residential district required front yard or within twenty-five of the intersection of a driveway centerline and a street line.

c. Accessory Buildings and Use Within the Manufacturing and Industrial District, buildings and uses customarily accessory to the principal land use are permitted. Accessory buildings shall not be located in any required front, side or rear yard.

Accessory Buildings and Uses include but are not limited to:

- (1) Garage for storage or repairs of appurtenant motor vehicles
- (2) Offices pertaining to the industrial operations
- (3) Employee restaurant and recreation facilities

d. Maximum permitted height of structures

- (1) No building shall exceed three (3) stories or thirty-five (35) feet in height.
- (2) Free standing poles, spires, towers, antennae and similar structures not designed for, or suitable to human occupancy may exceed the height provisions of this ordinance provided they comply with all other codes and ordinances, and provided that they are located a distance equal to their own height plus 10 feet from the nearest property line unless adjoining property owners sign a written waiver.

ARTICLE VIII

EXCEPTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

SECTION

- A. Lot of Record
- B. Front Yards
- C. Group Housing Projects

Section A. Lot of Record Where the owner of a lot consisting of one or more adjacent lots of official record at the time of the adoption of this ordinance does not own sufficient land to enable him to conform to the yard or other requirements of this ordinance, an application may be submitted to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance from the terms of this ordinance, in accordance with Article X. Section D. Such lot may be used as a building site, provided, however, that the yard and other requirements of the district are complied with as closely as is possible in the opinion of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Section B. Front Yards The front yard requirements of this ordinance for dwellings shall not apply to any lot where the average depth of existing front yards on developed lots located within one hundred (100) feet on each side of such lot and within the same block and zoning district and fronting on the same street as such lots, is less than the minimum required front yard depth. In such case, the minimum front yard shall be the average of the existing front yard depths on the developed lots.

Section C. Group Housing Project In the case of a group housing project of two or more buildings to be constructed on a plot of ground not subdivided into the customary street and lots, and which will not be subdivided or where the existing or contemplated street and lot layout make it impracticable to apply the requirements of this ordinance to the individual building units in such housing projects, the application of the terms of this ordinance may be varied by the Board of Zoning Appeals in a manner that will be in harmony with the character of the neighborhood, will insure substantially the same character of occupancy and an intensity of land use no higher and a standard of open space no lower than that permitted by this ordinance in the district in which the proposed project is to be located. However, in no case shall the Board of Zoning Appeals authorize a use prohibited in the district in which the project is to be located, or a smaller area per family than the minimum required in such district, or a greater height, or a larger coverage than the requirements of this ordinance permit in such district. The procedure for approval of group development plans shall consist of the submission of a design plan showing the proposed layout, including the location of buildings, driveways, off street parking spaces and recreation areas, to the Parsons Planning Commission for study and recommendation prior to final approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

ARTICLE IX
ENFORCEMENT

SECTION

- A. Enforcing Officer
- B. Building Permits and Certificates of Occupancy
- C. Penalties

Section A. Enforcing Officer The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by a Building Inspector appointed by the City Council who shall have the power to make inspection of buildings or premises necessary to carry out his duties in the enforcement of this ordinance.

Section B. Building Permits and Certificates of Occupancy

1. Building Permit Required It shall be unlawful to commence the excavation for the construction of any building, including accessory buildings, or to commence the moving or alteration of any building, including accessory buildings, until the Building Inspector has issued a building permit for such work.
2. Issuance of Building Permit. In applying to the Building Inspector for a building permit, the applicant shall submit a dimensional sketch or a scale plan indicating the shape, size, height and location on the lot of all buildings to be erected, altered or moved and of any building already on the lot. He shall also state the existing and intended use of all such buildings and supply such other information for determining whether the provisions of this ordinance are being observed. If the proposed excavation or construction as set forth in the application are in conformity with the provisions of this ordinance and other ordinances of the City of Parsons, Tennessee then in force, the Building Inspector shall issue a building permit for such excavation or construction. If a building permit is refused, the Building Inspector shall state such refusal in writing with the cause.
 - (a) The issuance of a permit shall in no case be construed as waiving any provision of this ordinance.
 - (b) A building permit shall become void six (6) months from the date of issuance unless substantial progress has been made by that date on the project described therein.
3. Certificate of Occupancy No land or building or part thereof hereafter erected or altered in its use of structure shall be used until the Building Inspector shall have issued a certification of occupancy stating that such land, building or part thereof and the proposed use thereof are found to be in conformity with the provisions of

this ordinance. Within three (3) days after notification that a building or premises or part thereof is ready for occupancy or use, it shall be the duty of the Building Inspector to make a final inspection thereof and to issue a certificate of occupancy if the land, building or part thereof and the proposed use thereof are found to conform with the provisions of this Ordinance, or, if such certificate is refused, to state such refusal in writing with the cause.

4. Records A complete record of such application, sketches, and plans shall be maintained in the office of the Building Inspector.
5. Permit Fee A fee will be charged for issuance of a building permit.

Section C. Penalties Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished as provided by law. Each day such violation shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

ARTICLE X

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

SECTION

- A. Creation and Appointment
- B. Procedure
- C. Appeals: How Taken
- D. Powers

Section A. Creation and Appointment A Board of Appeals is hereby established. The word "Board" when used in this Section shall be construed to mean the Board of Appeals. Said Board shall be the Parsons Planning Commission and the terms of membership shall run concurrently with planning commission terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of the member whose place has become vacant. Members shall be removed for cause by the Mayor and City Council upon written charges and after public hearing. One of the members of the Board shall be named as chairman at the time of his appointment.

Section B. Procedure Meetings of the Board of Zoning Appeals shall be held at the call of the Chairman and at such other times as the Board may determine. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public. The Board shall adopt rules of procedure and shall keep records of applications and action thereon, which shall be a public record.

Section C. Appeals: How Taken An appeal to the Board of Zoning Appeals may be taken by any person, firm or corporation aggrieved, or by a governmental officer, department, board or bureau affected by any decision of the Building Inspector based in whole or in part upon the provisions of this ordinance. Such appeal shall be taken by filing with the Board of Zoning Appeals a notice of appeal, specifying the grounds thereof. The Building Inspector shall transmit to the Board all papers constituting the record upon which the action appealed was taken. The Board shall fix a reasonable time for the hearing of the appeal, give public notice thereof, as well as due notice to the parties in interest, and decide the same within a reasonable time which shall not be more than fifteen (15) days from the date of the hearing. Upon the hearing any person or party may appear and be heard in person or by agent or by attorney.

Section D. Powers The Board of Zoning Appeal shall have the following powers:

1. Administrative Review To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged by the appellant that there is error in any order, requirement, permit, decision, determination or refusal made by the Building Inspector or other administrative official in the carrying out or enforcement of any provision of this ordinance.

2. Special Exceptions To hear and decide applications for special exceptions upon which the Board of Zoning Appeals is specifically authorized to pass.
3. Variance To hear and decide applications for variance from the terms of this ordinance, but only where by reason of exceptional narrowness, shallowness or shape of a specific piece of property which at the time of the adoption of this ordinance was a lot of record; or where by reason of exceptional topographic conditions or other extraordinary or exceptional situations or conditions of a piece of property the strict application of the provisions of this ordinance would result in exceptional practical difficulties to or exceptional and undue hardship upon the owner of such property, provided that such relief may be granted without detriment to the public good and the intent and purpose of this ordinance. Financial disadvantage to the property owner is no proof of hardship within the purpose of zoning.
 - (a) In granting a variance the Board may attach thereto such conditions regarding the location, character and other features of the proposed building, structure or use as it may deem advisable in furtherance of the purpose of this ordinance.
 - (b) Before any variance is granted it shall be shown that circumstances are attached to the property which do not generally apply to other property in the neighborhood.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENT

SECTION

- A. Right to Petition
- B. Application Fee
- C. Procedure
- D. Planning Commission Review
- E. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment

Section A. Right to Petition Amendments to the zoning map may be proposed by the City Council, the Planning Commission or by any owner of property or his authorized agent (an option holder may petition also provided both he and the owner sign the application), provided, however, that an owner of property or his authorized agent, including option holder, shall not initiate action for an amendment to the zoning map affecting the same parcel more often than once every twelve (12) months. Amendments to the text of this ordinance may be initiated by any citizen of Parsons, the Planning Commission or the City Council. When the Planning Commission or the City Council shall initiate an amendment, the public notice fee, as described below, shall be waived.

Section B. Application Fee Each application shall be accompanied by a payment (determined by the City Clerk) to cover the expense of advertising for public hearing. No payment shall be refunded for any reason other than if a public notice is not given (such as, if the application is withdrawn).

Section C. Procedure Each application shall be accompanied by the following:

1. A plat prepared by a competent professional person showing:
 - (a) All property lines with accurate dimensions;
 - (b) Adjoining streets with right-of-way and pavement widths;
 - (c) Location of buildings or other structures, easements, etc.;
 - (d) Other pertinent information that the Planning Commission or Board may request in order to properly evaluate the application.

Section D. Planning Commission Review No such amendment shall become effective unless the same be first submitted for approval, disapproval or suggestions to the Planning Commission. If the Planning Commission within sixty (60) days disapproved

after such submission, it shall require the favorable vote of a majority of the City Council to become effective. If the Planning Commission neither approves or disapproves such proposed amendment within sixty (60) days after such submission, the action on such amendment by said commission shall be deemed favorable.

Section E. Public Hearing on Proposed Amendment Upon the introduction of an amendment to this ordinance or upon the receipt of a petition to amend this ordinance, the City Council shall publish a notice of such request for an amendment, together with the notice of time set for hearing by the City Council on the requested change. Said notice shall be published in some newspaper of general circulation in the City of Parsons, Tennessee. Said hearing by the City Council shall take place not sooner than fifteen (15) days after the date of publication of such notice.

ARTICLE XII

LEGAL STATUS PROVISIONS

SECTIONS

- A. Conflict with Other Ordinances
- B. Validity

Section A. Conflict with Other Ordinances In case of conflict between this ordinance or any part thereof, and the whole or part of any existing or future ordinance of the City of Parsons, the most restrictive shall in all cases apply.

Section B. Validity If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this ordinance which is not in itself invalid or unconstitutional.