

On motion of **Mr. Edwards**, seconded by **Mr. Walker**, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 141261

A resolution requesting and authorizing the Planning Department and the Planning Advisory Board to study the text of Chapter 33 Unified Development Code, and Chapter 40 Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, with the intent of evaluating and amending regulations related to exterior wall materials; establishing interim development standards during the study; and providing for related matters. (Parishwide)

WHEREAS, Louisiana is prone to various natural disasters, including but not limited to hurricanes, floods, and other severe storms; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ida made landfall in Southeast Louisiana as a Category Four (4) Hurricane on August 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, while most of the region faced extended power outages caused by the storm, some small communities located outside the levee protection system were inundated by several feet of stormwater; and

WHEREAS, more than ninety percent (90%) of the homes in the Lafitte area were damaged by Hurricane Ida; and

WHEREAS, the State, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and various non-profit organizations have helped Jefferson Parish recover and rebuild after major storm events; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity® International is a tax-exempt 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization and developer that plans to build forty (40) to sixty (60) homes in the Lafitte area; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 33 Unified Development Code and Chapter 40 Zoning of the Code of Ordinances currently restrict the use of prefabricated or corrugated metal panels for single-, two-, three-, and four-family dwellings, however, it may be appropriate to allow builders to utilize more durable and resilient exterior wall materials in certain areas of Jefferson Parish that are especially vulnerable to significant storm events; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances already has certain development exemptions for properties located on the unprotected side of the Pontchartrain and West Bank Hurricane Protection Levees, Mississippi River and Tributaries Flood Protection Levee; and

WHEREAS, interim development standards are necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Jefferson Parish Council, acting as governing authority of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana:

SECTION 1. That the Planning Department and the Planning Advisory Board are hereby authorized to study the text of Chapter 33 Unified Development Code and Chapter 40 Zoning of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, with the intent of evaluating and amending regulations related to exterior wall materials; establishing interim development standards during the study; and providing for related matters.

SECTION 2. That the following interim development standards are hereby established for single-, two-, three-, and four-family dwellings located in the unincorporated areas of the Parish of Jefferson, on the unprotected side of the West Bank and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Levee:

- (a) *Generally.* Where there is a conflict between the interim standards and the regulations in Chapter 33 Unified Development Code and Chapter 40 Zoning, the interim standards shall govern. Where the interim standards are silent on a standard, the provisions of the applicable section shall apply.
- (b) The provisions for exterior wall materials for single-, two-, three-, and four-family dwellings provided in Sec. 33-6.8. Building design. and Sec. 40-46. Restriction on land, buildings and structures. shall apply, except that prefabricated or corrugated metal panels, and other related material shall be considered compatible with the existing residential development of the parish and permitted as exterior wall material.
- (c) The use of prefabricated or corrugated metal panels as exterior wall material shall not require a variance from the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) or be limited to fifty percent (50%) of the total surface area of any single wall.

SECTION 3. The interim development standards set forth in this resolution are in accordance with and by the authority of Sec. 33-2.21.5 of the Jefferson Parish Code of Ordinances, providing, in pertinent part, that when the Jefferson Parish Council initiates a study to prepare an amendment to the text or official maps of Chapter 33, Chapter, 40, or the Comprehensive Plan, and pending final disposition of the study, the Jefferson Parish Council may establish interim development standards that provide for reasonable approval conditions for certain types of development applications that would otherwise be affected by the study for one (1) year, which may be extended by the Jefferson Parish Council for not longer than one (1) six (6)-month period.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:


YEAS: 7

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was declared to be adopted on this **8th day of February, 2023.**

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE & CORRECT COPY


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PARISH CLERK
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