

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT, MARYLAND

Ordinance No.: O-22-03
Introduced by: City Council
Date Introduced: October 11, 2021
First Reading: October 11, 2021
Second Reading: November 1, 2021
Date Approved: November 1, 2021
Date Effective: November 29, 2021

AN ORDINANCE concerning

CHAPTER 68-Commercial Business District

FOR the purpose of amending Chapter 68 of the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant, entitled “Commercial Business District”; to provide safety and security requirements within the Commercial Business District in the City of Seat Pleasant

BY Amending Chapter 68 – Commercial Business District
Sections 68-2F
Code of the City of Seat Pleasant (1994 Edition, as amended)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov’t § 5-202(1) and § C-501(a) of the Charter of the City of Seat Pleasant (the “Charter”), the Council of the City of Seat Pleasant (the “City Council”) has the power to pass all ordinances not contrary to the Constitution and laws of Maryland or the Charter as it may deem necessary for the good government of the city; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § C-1304 of the Charter, the City shall have the power to do whatever may be necessary to protect City property and to keep all City property in good condition; and

WHEREAS, many of the City’s communities need assistance to begin or continue the process of neighborhood revitalization; and

WHEREAS, the City Council had created a Commercial Business District as sound public policy that will provide and begin the neighborhood revitalization and strengthen the City’s economic development goals; and

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE

CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT that Chapter 68, Business Commercial District, of the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant is hereby amended, as follows:

CHAPTER 68 – Business Commercial District

§ 68-2. Business Security

A-E No Changes

F. DURING HOURS OF OPERATION AND OCCUPANCY OF ANY CITY BUSINESS AND BUILDINGS, ALL EGRESS AND SECONDARY EGRESS METHODS MUST BE CLEAR AND FREE OF OBSTRUCTION. ALL FORMS OF EGRESS (DOORS, WINDOWS, WALKWAYS, INTERVENING ROOM SPACES, HALLWAYS, CORRIDORS, PASSAGEWAYS, BALCONIES, RAMPS, STAIRS, ENCLOSURES, LOBBIES, ESCALATORS, HORIZONTAL EXITS, COURTS, YARDS, ETC.) MUST BE ACCESSIBLE IN THE EVENT OF AN UNFORESEEN EMERGENCY. COMMERCIAL SECURITY GATES MUST BE OPENED AND REMAIN OUT OF SIGHT AND OBSTRUCTION WHILE THE BUSINESS IS OPERATING AND OR IS OCCUPIED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT that the Recitals to this Ordinance are incorporated herein and deemed a substantive part of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT that all other ordinances or parts of ordinances or provisions of the Code of the City of Seat Pleasant (1994 Edition, as amended) in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT that the title of this Ordinance, or a condensed version thereof, shall be deemed to be, and is, a fair summary of this Ordinance for publication and all other purposes.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT that, if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court or competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, it being the intent of the City Council that this Ordinance shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion hereof.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT that the City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance, and cause the same or, to the extent permitted by the Charter, a fair summary of the same, to be published as required by law, and that this Ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) days following approval by the Mayor or passage by the City Council over the

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Mayor's veto.

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

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ATTEST:

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Dashaun N. Lanham

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Dashaun N. Lanham, CMC
City Clerk

This Ordinance was presented to the mayor for his approval or disapproval pursuant to § C-313 of the Charter of the City of Seat Pleasant this 1st day of November, 2021.

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Dashaun Lanham, CMC
City Clerk

In accordance with § C-313 of the Charter of the City of Seat Pleasant, I hereby (APPROVE) (DISAPPROVE) of this Ordinance this _____ day of 11/2/2021, 2021.

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Shireka McCarthy

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Shireka McCarthy, Vice Mayor

EXPLANATION:
CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
~~Strike Out~~ indicates matter stricken from bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.