

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS, AMENDING THE NEW BRAUNFELS CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 144 ZONING SECTION 5.3; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; CONTAINING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 211 of the Texas Local Government Code empowers a city to enact zoning regulations and provide for their administration, enforcement and amendment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of New Braunfels, Texas, deems it necessary and desirable to establish zoning regulations to provide for the orderly development of property within the City by governing the use of land in order to promote the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan, Envision New Braunfels, has multiple action items supporting updates that improve regulations, including Action Items 1.11: Update policies and codes to achieve development patterns that implement the goals of this plan; 3.6: Proactively provide a regulatory environment that remains business and resident-friendly.

WHEREAS, the City of New Braunfels Strategic Plan has multiple objectives in the Economic Mobility and Organizational Excellence Strategic Priorities supporting updates that improve regulations.

WHEREAS, the City Council has directed that regulations dealing with the use and development of land be reviewed by the Planning Commission to make recommendations concerning improving those regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City is engaged in a project to update the development-related ordinances known as the Land Development Ordinance (LDO), in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan, Envision New Braunfels; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on November 5, 2025, and recommended approval of the proposed amendments; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a public hearing on said amendments on November 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby finds and determines that regularly updating the code for clarification provides improved customer service and is in the best interest of the citizens of New Braunfels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS:

SECTION 1

THAT Chapter 144, Zoning, Article V, Development Standards, Section 5.3, Landscaping, tree preservation, public trees, screening, fences, buffering and lighting, is hereby amended with additions as underlines and deletions as strikeouts as follows:

Chapter 144 - ZONING

ARTICLE V. - DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

Sec. 144-5.3 Landscaping, tree preservation, public trees, screening, fences, buffering and lighting.

5.3-2. Fences and walls.

(d) A fence from the front or rear corners of a building may extend through the side yard at the maximum height allowed.

(e) ~~Permit required. All f~~ Fences and walls ~~require building permits and~~ must comply with all permit/plan review submittal requirements including engineered foundation when necessary, as required in applicable adopted code(s).

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SECTION 2

THAT it is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3

THAT all provisions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of New Braunfels not herein amended or repealed shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4

THAT all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 5

THAT in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter, this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only. This Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary prior to its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED: First reading this 10th day of November 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED: Second reading this 24th day of November 2025.

CITY OF NEW BRAUNFELS

NEAL LINNARTZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

GAYLE WILKINSON, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

VALERIA M. ACEVEDO, City Attorney