

**ORDINANCE NO. O2024-040**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
YUMA, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 154 OF THE YUMA  
CITY CODE TO COMPLY WITH STATE STATUTE**

WHEREAS, from time to time, it may be desirable to modify the zoning code within the context of a dynamic and growing community; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Yuma Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing on October 28, 2024 in Case No: ZONE-43152-2024 in the manner prescribed by law for the purpose of amending the City of Yuma Zoning Code; and,

WHEREAS, due and proper notice of the public hearing was given in the time, form, substance and manner provided by law, including publication of notice of the hearing in the Yuma Sun on September 20, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission to approve the zoning code text amendment in Case No: ZONE-43152-2024 and the probable impact on the cost to construct housing for sale or rent that may occur as a result of this amendment, and finds that the recommendation complies with and supports the goals and objectives of the Yuma General Plan, as amended.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Yuma as follows:

SECTION 1: Yuma City Code, Title 15, Chapter 154, Article 3, Section 3 Zoning Amendments Paragraph (B) is amended to insert the following bolded text and delete the strike through text:

(B) *Application for amendment of zoning map.* The **zoning** application shall be made on the form provided and shall be accompanied by a nonreturnable filing fee in accordance with the fee schedule adopted by City Ordinance No. 1943, and successors. Said application shall bear the property owners signatures and addresses, the legal description and land area of each property included in the application, the total land area represented by the application, a map of the area and other attachments as noted on the application ~~and a list of the names and addresses of all owners of property within a radius of 300 feet of the exterior boundaries of the property being the subject of the application, using for this purpose the name and address shown on the county assessment roll.~~

- (1) **Administrative completeness review time frame.** The City shall determine whether the application is administratively complete within thirty (30) days after receiving the application. If the application is deemed administratively incomplete, the City will provide the applicant with a written notice that includes a comprehensive list of the specific deficiencies. Upon issuance of the written notice, the administrative completeness review time frame and overall time frame contained in this Section are suspended until the City receives the resubmitted application. The City shall have fifteen (15) days to review the resubmitted application and determine whether every deficiency has been resolved for administrative completeness.
- (2) **Approval or Denial of Zoning Applications.** After determining that a zoning application is administratively complete, the City Council of the City of Yuma shall approve or deny the application within one hundred eighty (180) days. The City may extend the time frame to approve or deny beyond one hundred eighty (180) days as follows:

- a. Staff may grant a one-time extension of not more than thirty (30) days for extenuating circumstances; or
- b. Staff may grant extensions in thirty (30) day increments at the request of the applicant.

**(3) Exceptions. This Section does not apply to:**

- a. Land that is designated as a district of historical significance pursuant to ARS § 9-462.01(a); and
- b. An area that is designated as historic on the national register of historic places;
- c. Land that is already zoned as a planned area development (PAD).

SECTION 2: Yuma City Code, Title 15, Chapter 154, Article 3, Section 3 Zoning Amendments Paragraph (J), Sub-paragraph (1) is amended to insert the following bolded text:

- (1) If the owners of 20% or more, **excluding government property**, either of the area of the lots included in a proposed change, or of those immediately adjacent in the rear or any side thereof extending 150 feet therefrom, or of those directly opposite thereto extending 150 feet from the street frontage of the opposite lots, file a protest in writing against a proposed amendment, it shall not become effective except by the favorable vote of three-fourths of all members of the City Council.

SECTION 3: It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to violate, or cause the violation of, any provision of this ordinance. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions in this ordinance shall be guilty of a class 1 misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than ten days or both fine and imprisonment. Each separate day or part thereof during which any violation of said sections occurs or continues shall be deemed to constitute a separate offense, and upon conviction thereof shall be punishable as herein provided.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

APPROVED:

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Douglas J. Nicholls  
Mayor

ATTESTED:

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Lynda L. Bushong  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Richard W. Files  
City Attorney