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ADOPTION INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016- 02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 18 BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE III. LAND CLEARING, DIVISION 2. PERMITS, SEC. 18-120. PERMITS AND APPROVALS AND ARTICLE IV. FILL REGULATIONS, SEC. 18-153. CRITERIA FOR FILL PLACEMENT FOR ALL ZONING DISTRICTS AND FLOOD ZONES

WHEREAS, certain amendments have been suggested to the sections of the Covington Code of Ordinances, Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations, addressing Permits and Approvals and Criteria for fill placement for all zoning districts and flood zones; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems these amendments appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with law,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article III. Land Clearing, Division 2. Permits, Sec. 18-120. Permits and approvals, shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18-120. - Permits and approvals.

(a) *Required.* Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.

Any demolition permit application shall include the name of the contractor, a copy of the contractor's license, and a certificate of insurance for the contractor with minimum liability insurance limits of $500,000.00 property damage and $1,000,000.00 personal injury. The

building official may make such requirements on the contractor as he deems necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations, Article IV. Fill Regulations, Sec. 18-153. Criteria for fill placement for all zoning districts and flood zones, shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18-153. - Criteria for fill placement for all zoning districts and flood zones.

(h) *Landscape improvements.*

~~Soil material for landscape bedding improvements shall be limited to a material composed of decomposed plant matter or composted manure (humus) and coarse or mason's sand (sand not to exceed 20 percent of the mixture), leaf or bark and the like. Landscape material for lawn areas shall be limited to an amount necessary to provide positive drainage to natural swales and existing drainage ways and shall be of a depth that will not injure existing trees on site. Red clay or other fill material is not acceptable landscape material.~~

Soil material for landscape and bedding improvements shall be limited to a material composed of decomposed plant matter or composted manure (humus) and coarse or mason's sand (sand not to exceed 20 percent of the mixture), leaf or bark and the like. Soil material for lawn area and bedding improvements shall be limited to an amount necessary to provide positive drainage to natural swales and existing drainage ways and shall be of a depth that will not injure existing trees on site. Red clay or other fill material is not acceptable landscape material. Yard grading shall be performed according to a plan approved by the Building Department as part of the building permit.

Soil material for landscape and bedding improvements shall not exceed 6 inches in depth at any location without prior approval from the building official or city engineer.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other sections of Chapter 18 Buildings and Building Regulations shall remain the same and in full force.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Wright, seconded by O'Keefe.

YEAS: 5 **ABSENT:** 1 (Rolling)

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 1 (Coner)

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of January, 2016.

Lee S. Alexius

LEE S. ALEXIUS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne

BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 7th day of January, 2016, at 8:55 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne

BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 7th day of January, 2016.

MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 7th day of January 2016, at 11:00 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne

BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK