

**ORDINANCE NO. 09-17**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING  
ORDINANCE NO. 32-97  
BEING THE UNIFIED ZONING ORDINANCE  
OF TIPPECANOE COUNTY.**

**Be it ordained** by the (County Commissioners of Tippecanoe County, Indiana; the Common Council of the City of Lafayette, Indiana; the Common Council of the City of West Lafayette, Indiana; the Town Council of the Town of Battle Ground, Indiana; the Town Council of the Town of Dayton, Indiana; and the Town Council of Clarks Hill, Indiana), that Ordinance No.32-97, being the Unified Zoning Ordinance of Tippecanoe County is hereby amended as follows:

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Boundaries of the **zones** established in 1-4 above are as shown on the zoning maps which are located at <http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/zoning> which is a part of the website for Tippecanoe County, Indiana [www.tippecanoe.in.gov](http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov), and made a part of this ordinance.

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This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING ON THE 1 DAY OF May, 2017.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR Keen, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR De Boer.

DULY ORDAINED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 1 DAY OF May, 2017, HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A VOTE OF 8 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
DeBoer	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Jha	✓			
Keen	✓			
Leverenz	✓			
Sanders	✓			
Thomas			✓	
Wang	✓			

  
 Peter Bunder, Presiding Officer

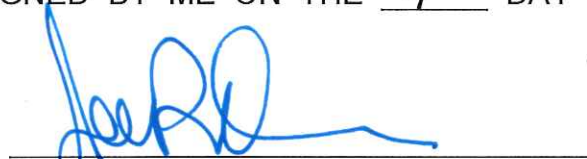
Attest:

  
 Sana G. Booker, Clerk

PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA  
 ON THE 2 DAY OF May, 2017.

  
 Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS ORDINANCE APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE 4 DAY OF  
May, 2017.

  
 John R. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:

  
 Sana G. Booker, Clerk

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**UZO AMENDMENT #91  
ZONING MAPS URL CHANGE AND  
R3W HEIGHT VARIANCES**

**STAFF REPORT  
April 13, 2017**

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**Staff Report  
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Most residents of Tippecanoe County know that to discover the zoning of a property, one simply clicks on the GIS button on the county website. But officially, Section 1-5-1 of the Unified Zoning Ordinance, gives the URL for where the zoning map can be found online. Unfortunately, the URL shown in the current ordinance is obsolete based on a change related to the county's conversion to HTML5. The new address, <http://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/zoning> was created with the help of the county's MITS Department and can be used indefinitely even with future computer operating system changes.

The second part of this amendment involves changing a section of the Unified Zoning Ordinance that has been overlooked for some time. Section 6-4-5: Variances, provides which sections of the UZO can be varied and which cannot. Staff was surprised to read Section 2-11-11 which describes the maximum building height in the R3W and R4W zones, was listed as one of the sections that may not be varied. Height variances, particularly in the R3W zone, have been requested and granted several times over the years since the adoption of NUZO in 1998.

Staff is currently working on an overhaul of all of the R3/R4 zones, including the R3W and R4W zones. The new height restriction being proposed would be much closer to the height variances the ABZA has been granting over the years and would, staff hopes, remove the need for height variances in the future. (The overhaul would also likely remove the density cap in R3W that Section 6-4-5 also prohibits varying.) But until the R3/R4 ordinance amendment is completed, this amendment would allow future height variances in the R3W and R4W zones to be legitimately filed and heard by the ABZA.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval

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THE

# Area Plan Commission

of TIPPECANOE COUNTY

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 20, 2017  
Ref. No.: 17-107

West Lafayette Common Council  
c/o Clerk  
222 North Chauncey, Room 101  
West Lafayette IN 47906

## CERTIFICATION

**RE: UZO AMENDMENT #91:**

This amendment would make two corrections to the UZO: the first would update the URL for the digital zoning maps on the county website in Chapter 1, and the second would eliminate the prohibition on height variances in the R3W and R4W zones in Chapter 6.

Dear Council:

As Secretary to the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County, I do hereby certify that at a public hearing held on April 19, 2017, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County voted 15 yes - 0 no on the motion to approve the enclosed amendment to the Unified Zoning Ordinance. Therefore, the Area Plan Commission of Tippecanoe County recommends to the West Lafayette Common Council that the proposed zoning ordinance amendment be approved.

Sincerely,



Sallie Dell Fahey  
Executive Director

SDF/lmu

Enclosure: Staff Report and Ordinance