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WHEREAS, the Village of Harwood Heights (the "Village") is an Illinois municipal corporation organized and operating pursuant to authority granted by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Illinois;

WHEREAS, the Village is a home rule unit of government pursuant to Section 6(a), Article VII of the 1970 Illinois Constitution;

WHEREAS, pursuant to its home rule power, the Village may exercise any power and perform any function relating to its government and affairs;

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Harwood Heights previously adopted Title 17 – Zoning of the Harwood Heights Code of Ordinances ("the Zoning Code") in 1988 and has amended its Zoning Code provisions from time to time pursuant to authority granted in Section 11-13-14 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-13-14);

WHEREAS, Section 17.56.020 of the Village Code authorizes the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) to initiate and recommend zoning code text amendments to the Village Board;

WHEREAS, Section 17.56.010(A)(1) of the Village Code grants the Village Board final authority to "decide requests for adoption or amendments to the text of this title [Zoning Code]";

WHEREAS, amendments to the text of the Zoning Code are adopted by the Village Board periodically to ensure that the zoning regulations are up-to-date and adequately responsive

to community needs, land use trends and growth patterns within the Village;

WHEREAS, the Village most recently comprehensively updated its Zoning Code in 2011 to address the changing needs of the Village community;

WHEREAS, at the request of the Village Board, the PZC examined the regulations governing driveway widths in the Village in response to an increase in the number of single-family residential homes expanding driveway widths in order to accommodate off-street parking within the driveway in such a manner as to enable the ingress and egress of vehicles from attached garages to the street without relocating vehicles parked in driveways and recommended the adoption of certain regulations governing driveways, including maximum widths, materials, grading and drainage; and

WHEREAS, at the request of the Village Board, the PZC examined the regulations governing front yard open space requriements to facilitate best drainage practices in order to avoid excessive stormwater runoff leading to the flooding of private and public property; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission conducted a duly-noticed public hearing concerning the proposed text amendments to the Zoning Code at Village Hall on Wednesday, May 25, 2022;

WHEREAS, all persons present at the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing were afforded an opportunity to be heard;

WHEREAS, a public notice in the form required by law was published in the *Norridge-Harwood Heights Pioneer Press* on May 5, 2022, not more than thirty (30) days nor less than fifteen (15) days prior to the Planing and Zoning Commission public hearing date;

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 17.56.020(A)(1) of the Village Code to initiate and hear zoning text amendment petitions and to

make recommendations thereon to the Village Board, and the Village Board has final authority to approve, deny or conditionally approve the Zoning Code text amendments pursuant to Sections 17.56.010(A)(1) of the Village Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has filed its report of Findings and Recommendations concerning the comprehensive Zoning Code text amendments, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A (the "Planning and Zoning Commission Report"), and the Village Board has had an opportunity to review and consider the Planning and Zoning Commission Report, listen to an audio recording of the hearing, and review all exhibits presented at the public hearing and made a part of the record of proceedings, the standards and criteria by which the proposed amendments are to be judged as set forth in the Village Code and other governing law, and the proposed text amendments; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that enacting this Ordinance will promote and protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, the Village Board concurs with the factual findings and legal conclusions rendered by the Planning and Zoning Commission and substantially agrees with the recommendations made by that body with respect to the approval of the proposed Zoning Code text amendments and hereby finds and determines that the proposed text amendments satisfy the criteria set forth in Section 17.56.180 of the Village Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights, County of Cook, Illinois, in the exercise of the Village's home rule powers, that the Village Code be amended as follows, with all existing provisions of the Village Code not set forth below continuing in full effect as currently written:

SECTION 1. RECITALS. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance as if fully set forth in this Section 1. The findings and recitals herein are declared to be prima facie evidence of the law of the Village and shall be received in evidence as provided by the Illinois Compiled Statutes and the courts of the State of Illinois.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 17, CHAPTER 17.48. Title 17 ("Zoning Ordinance"), Chapter 17.12 ("Residential Districts"), Section 17.12.040 ("Residential Districts Bulk and Yard Requirements") of the Harwood Heights Village Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows (additions in **bold and underline**, deletions in **bold and strikethrough**), with those subsections not referenced herein continuing in full force and effect as written:

17.12.040 Residential districts bulk and yard requirements.

Table 17.12.040.1: Residential Districts Bulk and Yard Requirements establishes building bulk and yard setback requirements for the residential districts. These regulations apply to all uses within a given district unless otherwise stated.

TABLE 17.12.040.1—RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS BULK AND YARD REQUIREMENTS					
du = Dwelling Unit; SF = Single-family Detached; 2F = Two-Family Detached; TH = Semi-					
detached Single-fa	detached Single-family; MF = Multi-family				
	Zoning District	Zoning District			
	R1	R2	R3 ^{1,2}	R4 ¹	
Lot Dimensions					
Minimum Lot Area	5,000 sf Non-residential uses: 15,000 sf	SF and 2F: 5,000 sf TH: 4,000 sf/du Non-residential uses: 10,000 sf	MF: 7,500 sf minimum, - 1,500 sf per	fewer units: 15,000 sf ³ MF w/ more than 18 units: 22,500 sf Non-residential	
Minimum Lot Width	40 ft. Non-residential	SF and 2F: 40 ft. TH: 60 ft.	-	120 ft.	

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	uses: 120 ft.			
Minimum Lot			<u> </u>	
	125 ft.	-	-	-
Depth				
Building Height				
Maximum First	4.5 ft.	4.5 ft.	-	-
Finished Floor				
Height				
Maximum First	14.5 ft.	14.5 ft.	-	-
Floor Porch Eave				
Height				
Maximum Eave	1-2 Stories: 14.5	1-2 Stories: 14.5	_	-
Height-Hip,	ft.	ft.		
Gable, or	3+ Stories: 23.5	3+ Stories: 23.5		
Gambrel Roof	ft.	ft.		
Туре				
Maximum	3+ Stories: 30 ft.	1-2 Stories: 22 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft. ⁴
Building		3+ Stories: 30 ft.		
Height—Hip,				
Gable, or				
Gambrel Roof				
Туре				
1-2 Stories: 22 ft.			•	
Maximum	1-2 Stories: 18 ft.	1-2 Stories: 18 ft.	35 ft.	35 ft. ⁴
Building	3+ Stories: 26 ft.	3+ Stories: 26 ft.		
Height—Other	0 / 0001100/ =0 10			
Roof Type				
Building Mass				
Maximum Floor	N/A;	N/A;	0.4	
Area Ratio	Non-residential	Non-residential	0.4	
(FAR)	uses: 0.25	uses: 0.4		
Minimum Wall	5% per wall	5% per wall		
Opening	370 per wait	J/0 per wan	-	_
Percentage				
Yard & Setback				
Requirements				
Front yard	25 ft. minimum ^{5,}	25 ft. minimum ⁵ ,	25 ft. minimum ⁵ ,	25 ft. minimum ^{5,}
From yard	6 <u>.8</u>	23 It. IIIIIIIIIIIIIII	25 It. IIIIIIIIIIIII''	25 It. IIIIIIIIIIII
Side yard	4 ft. minimum ⁵	10% of total	10% of total	10% of total
Side yald	7 II. IIIIIIIIIIIIII	width minimum ⁵	width minimum ⁵	width minimum ⁵
Rear yard	35 ft. ^{5, 7}	35 ft. ^{5, 7}	35 ft. ^{5, 7}	35 ft. ^{5, 7}
Useable Open	<i>55</i> It.	33 II.	JJ 16.	33 IL.
Space Open				
			_	1 BR/Eff.: 300
Useable Open	-		-	I DIVEIL. 300

Space		 sf/du
		2 Bedroom: 500
		sf/du
		3 & 4 Bedroom:
		750 sf/du

Footnotes:

- ¹ The requirements of yards, usable open space, and parking shall take precedence over total number of units allowed on any given parcel of land.
- ² The sum of one bedroom and efficiency units cannot exceed fifty (50) percent of all the units built on one lot and the number of dwelling units contained in any one structure cannot exceed three.
- ³ The sum of one bedroom and efficiency units cannot exceed fifty (50) percent of all the units built on one lot.
- ⁴ Structures containing more than eighteen (18) units can exceed thirty-five (35) ft. in height, but must be approved through the planned development process as provided in Section 17.56.200.
- ⁵ For non-residential buildings of more than twenty-six (26) feet in height located within the R1 district, each required front, side and rear yard shall be increased in width or depth by one foot for each additional one foot of building height over twenty-six (26) feet.
- ⁶ Front yard need not exceed 6.5 feet in width, except on corner lots, where the side yard adjoining a street shall be not less than five feet in depth. For lots of record of less than forty (40) feet prior to annexation a side yard of ten (10) percent of the width of the lot is required on each side.
- ⁷ At least forty (40) percent in the R1 district of the total area of the required rear yard, and three hundred (300) sq. ft. in the R2 district of the required rear yard, must be open to the sky ("open space") and not covered with concrete or other nonporous materials. Up to one hundred fifty (150) square feet may be included in calculation of open space when covered with interlocking or abutting solid blocks constructed on a compacted soil sub grade and compacted aggregate base. The area will be considered as open space if and only if, the paver block area is constructed with landscaping fabric and without any plastic or any materials impervious to water.
- 8 At least sixty percent (60%) of the total area of the required front yard in the R1 and fifty percent (50%) of the required front yard in the R2 district must be open to the sky ("open space") and not covered with concrete or other nonporous materials. A front yard porch shall be considered open to the sky for purposes herein, if the floor permits rain water to drop through the planking and drain to the earth below. Landscape fabric may be used to cover the earth beneath the deck so long as the fabric is porous. There shall be a minimum space of one-quarter inch between floor boards or planks which shall

measure no more than six inches in width.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 17, CHAPTER 17.28. Title 17 ("Zoning Ordinance"), Chapter 17.28 ("Off-Street Parking & Loading"), Section 17.28.170 ("Design Standards for Access Driveways") of the Harwood Heights Village Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows (additions in **bold and underline**, deletions in **bold and strikethrough**), with those subsections not referenced herein continuing in full force and effect as written:

17.28.170 Design standards for access driveways.

- A. <u>Permit Required. No person shall construct a driveway across any sidewalk, parkway or street in the village for residential or commercial use without first having obtained a permit therefor.</u>
- B. Materials. Driveways shall be paved with bituminous surface, portland cement concrete or other comparable hard surface pavement, in accordance with plans and specifications detailed in the approved driveway permit.
- C. Grade. Driveways shall conform to the sidewalk elevation and shall be of such depth as detailed in the approved driveway permit.
- D. Drainage. No driveway shall be so constructed in such manner as to interfere with the proper drainage and elevation of the streets, or so as to permit the pooling of water in the driveway. Gradual approaches to the regular sidewalk grade shall be made from the grade of the driveway. The slope of any driveway and the approaches thereto shall not exceed one foot vertical to one foot horizontal in any direction.
- <u>E.</u> Width of driveways. (Measured at the lot line adjoining a street <u>and at its widest</u> <u>point between the property line and the garage or other rear parking area of the residential <u>property</u>).</u>
 - 1. Residential uses.
 - a. The width of a residential driveway shall be nNot less than nine feet wide nor more than ten feet (10') wide for a single-car attached garage or detached carport in the front yard, not more than sixteen feet (16') wide for a 1.5 car attached garage or detached carport in the front yard and not more than twenty-two (22) feet wide in the case of a two-car attached garage or detached carport in the front yard. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no case shall a driveway exceed the width of the unenclosed parking space or garage opening on

the subject property by more than two feet. Where a detached garage structure is located in the rear yard and access thereto is via the driveway from the adjacent public street abutting the front yard of the subject property, the width of the driveway shall not exceed ten feet wide (10') in the front or side yards. The location, configuration, materials, and slope of such driveway shall be as indicated on the approved driveway permit issued by the Village.

2. Nonresidential uses.

- a. Not less than fourteen (14) feet wide, or not more than twenty-four (24) feet wide for a one-way drive.
- b. Not less than twenty (20) feet wide for a two-way driveway when twenty (20) or less parking spaces are being served.
- c. Not less than twenty-four (24) feet wide for a two-way driveway when more than twenty (20) parking spaces or two or more loading spaces are being served.
- d. Automotive service stations not less than twenty-four (24) feet wide, measured perpendicular to the center line of such driveway.
 - e. In any case, not more than thirty-five (35) feet wide.

B<u>F</u>. Radius connecting street pavement edge and driveway edges.

- 1. Residential uses.
- a. Not less than five feet.
- 2. Nonresidential uses.
- a. Not less than fifteen (15) feet at the intersection of a driveway and a street classified as major street or collector.
- b. Not less than eight feet at the intersection of a driveway and a street not classified as a major street or collector.
- c. For driveways intersecting street pavement edge with an angle less than ninety (90) degrees—See subsection (C)(2).
 - $\mathbf{C}\mathbf{G}$. Angle at intersection of driveway and a street.
- 1. An acute angle formed at the intersection of a driveway and street pavement edges shall not be less than sixty (60) degrees.
- 2. Any angle at the intersection of driveway edge and street pavement edge that is less than ninety (90) degrees shall modify the radius of the curb as follows:

TABLE 17.28.170.1—DRIVEWAY ANGLE AT INTERSECTION			
Driveway Angle	Curb Radius		
90°	8'		
80°	7'		
70°	5.5'		
60°	4'		

DH. Spacing between separate driveway entrances on a lot. (Measured between center lines of two driveways, and at the front lot line adjoining a street. Driveways intersecting street pavement edge with ninety-degree angle.)

1. Not less than forty (40) feet on a street not classified as major street.

2. Not less than forty (40) feet on a street not classified as major or collector

street, except in residential districts driveways serving one or two-family dwellings—not

less than twenty (20) feet.

EI. Spacing between driveway entrance and right-of-way line of an adjacent

intersecting street on corner lots. (Measured from the nearest edge of the driveway pavement at its intersection with the street right-of-way line to the nearest right-of-way line

of an adjacent intersecting street.)

1. On streets not classified as major or collector streets—not less than eight

feet to an adjacent intersecting street not classified as major or collector street.

SECTION 4. RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS. All ordinances or parts of

ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 5. SAVING CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of

this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other

provisions of this Ordinance, which are hereby declared to be separable.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect

from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form in the manner provided by

law.

VOTES

AYES: Trustee Brutto, Steiner, Brzezniak-Volpe, Brzozowski-Wegrecki, Zerillo, Lewandowski

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Passed and Approved this 9th day of June, 2022.

Mayor Arlene Jezierny

ATTEST:

Marcia L. Pollowy, Village Clerk

EXHIBIT A

VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

In Re the Matter of:)	
Proposed Zoning Code Text Amendments)	No. 22-01
Concerning Residential Driveways and Front)	
Yard Open Space Requirements)	

REPORT OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS

[see attached pages]

VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS PZC

In Re the Matter of:	1
Zoning Text Amendments Amending Residential))
Driveway Regulations and Establishing New	Hearing No. 22-01
R2-A Single-Family Attached, Two and	,
Three-Family Residential Zoning District and)
Zoning Map Amendments Rezoning Certain	
Properties from R2 to R2-A	

REPORT OF FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO APPROVE ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS

I. BACKGROUND

The Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) conducted a hearing on May 25, 2022 to consider several Village-initiated proposed zoning changes. A single public hearing was convened concerning the various zoning code and text amendments. The PZC hearing culminated in separate findings and recommendations for each of the three distinct proposed ordinances, two of which concerned zoning text amendments and the third involved the rezoning of numerous properties within the Village.

A. Ordinance Limiting Driveway Size

The first ordinance under consideration by the PZC (the "Driveway Ordinance") would amend the text of the Village's Zoning Code to regulate the size of residential driveways and limit impermeable lot coverage in the R1 and R2 zoning districts in an effort to stem a recent trend of oversized and irregularly shaped driveways being installed in a non-uniform manner. Specifically, an added footnote to Section 17.12.040 ("Residential Districts Bulk and Yard Requirements") would require that at least 60% of R1 district and 50% of R2 district front yards remain open to the sky (e.g. or, in the case of a front porch, to be constructed so as to allow rain to pass through, such as the planks of a deck) or be covered in permeable materials (as opposed to, say, concrete). Section 17.28.170 ("Design standards for access driveways") requires the issuance of a Village permit to construct a driveway in order to ensure oversight, as well as introducing design standards intended to allow for proper grading and drainage. Finally, driveway widths would be restricted to 10' wide for single-car attached garages, 16' wide for 1.5 car garages, and 22' wide for two-car garages. In all cases, the driveway cannot exceed the width of the garage opening by more than two feet (2'). For those properties featuring detached garages in the rear yard, the driveway width would be limited to 10' in the front and side yards.

B. Ordinance Establishing New R2-A District

A second proposed zoning text amendment ordinance under consideration at the PZC hearing would create a new R2-A zoning district ("R2-A Ordinance"), which would serve as a hybrid of the existing R2 and R3 districts in that the building size and setback requirements would be identical to those of the existing R2 district, while the range of uses allowed would be expanded to include three-unit buildings as in the R3 district.

C. Rezoning Specific Properties from R2 to R2-A

Finally, the third ordinance to be considered by the PZC would rezone a host of properties from their existing R2 classification to the proposed new R2-A district (the "Rezoning Ordinance") in order to render current usage lawful and maximize the ability of property owners to adequately finance, insure, buy and sell their properties. The properties that would be rezoned from R2 to R2-A are set forth in a footnote¹ (the "Rezoning Parcels").

II. PROCEDURES

A. JURISDICTION

The Planning and Zoning Commission ("PZC") has jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 2.54.090(C) and 17.56.020(A)(1) of the Village Code to hear zoning text amendment proposals and to make recommendations thereon to the Village Board, and jurisdiction pursuant to Sections 2.54.090(D) and 17.56.020(A)(2) of the Village Code to hear zoning map amendment proposals and to make recommendations thereon to the Village Board.

B. NOTICE

Notice of the public hearing was properly provided by the Village publishing notice in the Pioneer Press' *Norridge-Harwood Heights News* between 15 and 30 days prior to the May 25, 2022 Planning and Zoning Commission hearing date. Property owners within 250 feet of the properties subject to the proposed rezonings received mailed notice via first-class US mail between 15 and 30 days prior to the hearing. The PZC hearing was appropriately noticed in accordance with legal requirements.

¹ SAYRE AVENUE PROPERTIES: 4644 N. Sayre Avenue, 4640 N. Sayre Avenue, 4636. Sayre Avenue, 4632 N. Sayre Avenue, 4628 N. Sayre Avenue, 4624 N. Sayre Avenue, 4620 N. Sayre Avenue, 4616 N. Sayre Avenue, 4612 N. Sayre Avenue, 4608 N. Sayre Avenue, 4604 N. Sayre Avenue, 4600 N. Sayre Avenue, 4631 N. Sayre Avenue, 4631 N. Sayre Avenue, 4621 N. Sayre Avenue, 4617 N. Sayre Avenue, 4615 N. Sayre Avenue, 4609 N. Sayre Avenue, 4605 N. Sayre Avenue, and 4601 N. Sayre Avenue

LELAND AVENUE PROPERTIES: 6809 W. Leland Avenue, 6813 W. Leland Avenue, 6817 W. Leland Avenue, 6821 W. Leland Avenue, 6829 W. Leland Avenue, 6833 W. Leland Avenue, 6837 W. Leland Avenue, 6841 W. Leland Avenue, 6845 W. Leland Avenue, 6849 W. Leland Avenue, 6853 W. Leland Avenue, 6857 W. Leland Avenue, and 6861 W. Leland Avenue

OAK PARK AVENUE PROPERTIES: 4442 N. Oak Park Avenue, 4438 N. Oak Park Avenue, 4434 N. Oak Park Avenue, 4430 N. Oak Park Avenue, 4420 N. Oak Park Avenue, 4412 N. Oak Park Avenue, and 4408 N. Oak Park Avenue

NEWCASTLE AVENUE PROPERTIES: 4455 W. Newcastle Avenue, 4451 W. Newcastle Avenue, 4447 W. Newcastle Avenue, 4443 W. Newcastle Avenue, 4439 W. Newcastle Avenue, 4435 W. Newcastle Avenue, 4431 N. Newcastle Avenue, 4427 N. Newcastle Avenue, 4423 N. Newcastle Avenue, 4411 N. Newcastle Avenue and 4407 W. Newcastle Avenue

C. PUBLIC HEARING

Prior to hosting the public hearing, the PZC reviewed a memorandum from the Village attorney setting forth the procedures and criteria governing the adoption of text amendments to the Village Zoning Code.

After reviewing the proposed text amendment ordinances and the map amendment ordinance and the memorandum from the Village attorney, the Harwood Heights PZC convened a properly noticed public hearing on May 25, 2022 to consider the proposed zoning code text and map amendments (the "Hearing"). At the Hearing, the PZC received testimony from members of the public. The PZC deliberated on the merits of the proposed text amendments. Ten PZC members were present for the Hearing.

D. CRITERIA

1. Text Amendment Criteria

The Village is authorized by Section 17.56.010(A)(1) of the Village Code to amend its zoning ordinance as well as by 65 ILCS 5/11-13-14. Section 17.56.180(C) of the Village Code provides the relevant factors to consider in the context of zoning text amendments.

Pursuant to Section 17.56.180(A), the proposed text amendments must be consistent with the purposes of the Village's Zoning Code set out in Section 17.04.020. The proposed zoning code amendments should either help accomplish these purposes or at least not interfere with their accomplishment, as follows:

- 1. Promoting the public health, safety, comfort, morals, convenience, and general welfare;
- 2. Securing adequate natural light, pure air, and safety from fire and other dangers;
- 3. Lessening or avoiding the hazards to persons and damage to property resulting from the accumulation or runoff of storm or flood waters;
- 4. Lessening or avoiding congestion in the public streets and highways;
- 5. Conserving the value of land and buildings throughout the village; and
- 6. Preserving and enhancing aesthetic values throughout the village.

Section 17.56.180(c) establishes additional factors that the PZC and Village Board must consider in weighing a particular proposed text amendment, including:

- 7. Whether the actual text and effect of the amendment is consistent with all other provisions contained in this title;
- 8. Whether the effect of the amendment is consistent with the purposes of this title as contained in <u>Section 17.04.020</u>;

- 9. Whether the proposal is in conformance with and in furtherance of the implementation of the goals and policies of the comprehensive plan, other adopted plans, and other village codes, regulations, policies and guidelines; and
- 10. Whether the existing text or zoning designation was in error at the time of adoption.

Finally, zoning text amendments must be reasonable and not arbitrary and must be guided by the demands of the public good.

2. Zoning Map Amendment Criteria

The standards for zoning map amendment approval are set out in Section 17.56.180 of the Village Code, as follows:

- 1. The proposed rezoning of the Subject Property from R2 to R2-A must be consistent with the purposes of the Village's zoning, as those purposes are articulated in Section 17.04.020 of the Code, including:
- + Promoting the public health, safety, comfort, morals, convenience, and general welfare;
- + Securing adequate natural light, pure air, and safety from fire and other dangers;
- + Lessening or avoiding the hazards to persons and damage to property resulting from the accumulation or runoff of storm or flood waters;
- + Lessening or avoiding congestion in the public streets and highways;
- + Conserving the value of land and buildings throughout the village; and
- + Preserving and enhancing aesthetic values throughout the village.
- 2. Is the proposed map amendment in conformance with and in furtherance of the implementation of the goals and policies of the comprehensive plan, other adopted plans, and other village codes, regulations, policies and guidelines?
- 3. Was the existing R2 zoning designation in error at the time of its adoption?
- 4. Has there been a change of character in the area or throughout the Village due to the installation of public facilities, other zoning changes, new growth trends, deterioration, development transitions, and the like?

- 5. Is the proposed R2-A compatible with the surrounding area and the purposes of the proposed district?
- 6. Would rezoning the property to R2-A result in adverse impacts on the capacity or safety of the portion of street network influenced by the Subject Property?
- 7. Would rezoning the property to R2-A result in potential parking problems?
- 8. Would rezoning the property to R2-A result in potential environmental impacts such as water, air or noise pollution, excessive nighttime lighting, excessive stormwater runoff, or other nuisances?
- 9. Would adequate public facilities and services (e.g., utilities, parking, traffic infrastructure) be available to the Property or will be made available concurrent with the projected impacts of development of the Property?
- 10. Is there an existing adequate supply of land available in the area and the surrounding community zoned as R2-A to accommodate the needs of the community?
- 11. Is there is a need in the community for the proposal, and will there will be benefits derived by the community or area by the proposed amendment?

III. FINDINGS OF FACT & LEGAL CONCLUSIONS

After reviewing all application materials, hearing testimony, receiving evidence, and listening to public comment at the Hearing conducted on November 25, 2020, the Harwood Heights PZC finds as follows:

- 1. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of the Findings and Conclusions as if fully set forth herein.
- 2. All testimony and evidence presented at Public Hearing 20-04 are made a part of the official record of proceedings and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of the Findings and Conclusions as if fully set forth herein.
 - 3. The PZC finds and concludes that the Hearing was properly noticed.
- 4. The Village's current Zoning Code was adopted in 1988 and certain provisions have been amended in the interim as the need has arisen, including a comprehensive Zoning Code amendment adopted by the Village in 2011.
- 5. Most of the Village's Zoning Code continues to fulfill its intended function as organizing the use of land in the Village in a way that maximizes and upholds the public health,

safety, comfort, morals, convenience, aesthetics and general welfare as written, and no amendments are desirable or proposed to those sections.

- 7. The Driveway Ordinance would enhance the public health, safety, comfort, morals, convenience, and general welfare via an increase in oversight through permitting, introducing uniformity in location and sizes of driveways, improve aesthetics through said uniformity, and improve stormwater controls.
- 8. By improving drainage, the Driveway Ordinance would provide flood safety improvements and lessen the hazards to persons and property resulting from stormwater runoff.
- 9. Visual uniformity may improve the value of land and buildings throughout the Village's residential districts.
 - 10. Limiting driveway sizes will enhance Village aesthetics.
- 11. The Driveway Ordinance is consistent with the purposes and specific regulations set forth in the Village Zoning Code and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- 12. The absence of residential driveway permitting and a regulatory framework has been a historical oversight that the Driveway Ordinance would rectify.
- 13. The R2-A Ordinance would address the longstanding reality that several Village neighborhoods presently zoned R2, namely, the 4600 Block of Sayre, 6800 block of Leland and the 4400 blocks of Oak Park and Newcastle almost exclusively feature legally non-conforming three-flat multi-family construction predating the Village's adoption of the Zoning Code.
- 14. Where the built reality broadly diverges from the permissible range of uses, it undermines the zoning classification and leaves the owners of the legally non-conforming properties in danger of losing their legal non-conforming use status in the event that the structures become vacant for six months or more, or in the event that the structures suffer a casualty. In such event, without a zoning change to render the three-flat usage legal under the Village's current regulatory framework, the properties would be limited to being used as two or fewer-dwelling unit structures.
- 15. The PZC finds that non-conforming uses are more difficult to finance and insure than would be the case if they were rendered conforming and capable of reconstruction and a resumption of use following a period of non-use.
- 16. The proposed new R2-A zoning classification would maintain the structural size and setback limitations to match R2 zoning district, but would expand the range of uses allowed to include three-unit multi-family structures to reflect the predominant present usage in the areas under consideration for rezoning into the new classification.

- 17. The PZC finds that the intent of the ordinance is not to allow expanded construction or usage, but merely to ratify what has already been constructed in the 4600 Block of Sayre, 6800 block of Leland and the 4400 blocks of Oak Park and Newcastle.
- 18. The R2-A Ordinance would enhance the public health, safety, comfort, morals, convenience, and general welfare by eliminating grandfathered non-conforming uses by formally sanctioning the existing uses.
- 19. The R2-A Ordinance would not increase congestion or put a strain on public utilities or drainage because it would not effectuate an intensification in use over that which is currently in existence.
- 20. The R2-A Ordinance is consistent with the purposes and specific regulations set forth in the Village Zoning Code and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan in that it modernizes the Village Code to reflect the longstanding residential property usage in certain areas of the Village.
- 21. The 4600 Block of Sayre, 6800 block of Leland and the 4400 blocks of Oak Park and Newcastle have long been mis-zoned as R2 given the prevalence of three-flat construction and the utter absence of three-flats as a permitted or specially permitted use in the R2 district.
- 22. The Rezoning Ordinance is in conformance with and in furtherance of the implementation of the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan and the Village's policy of maximizing the power and autonomy of homeowners to finance and convey their parcels.
- 23. The Rezoning Parcels were improperly zoned as R2 insofar as they have always been used as three-unit multifamily residential structures in a district that did not allow for such usage.
- 24. The Rezoning Ordinance would not change the character of the Rezoning Parcels, but simply bless the longstanding usage.
- 25. The proposed new R2-A zoning of the Rezoning Parcels compatible with the surrounding area and the purposes of the proposed R2-A district?
- 26. No adverse impacts would materialize from the proposed rezoning of the Rezoning Parcels from R2 to R2-A.
- 27. On balance, the proposed text amendments and rezoning are consistent with the overall Zoning Code.
- 28. The proposed text amendments are reasonable and not arbitrary and are guided by the demands of the public good.
- 29. The proposed zoning map amendments are reasonable and not arbitrary and are guided by the demands of the public good.

30. Based on the foregoing, the PZC favorably recommends all proposed zoning changes.

IV. RECOMMENDATION

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NOW THEREFORE, following a public hearing hosted by the Village of Harwood Heights PZC, held on May 25, 2022 (Hearing No. 22-01), the PZC hereby recommends as follows:

- A. The Driveway Ordinance is recommended for adoption by a unanimous 9-1 vote for the reasons more fully set forth in the foregoing Findings of Fact and Recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees.
- B. The R2-A Ordinance is recommended for adoption by a 10-0 vote for the reasons more fully set forth in the foregoing Findings of Fact and Recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees.
- C. The "Rezoning Ordinance for adoption by a 10-0 vote for the reasons more fully set forth in the foregoing Findings of Fact and Recommendation to the Village Board of Trustees.

By:	Chris White, PZC Chair	
Date:	6/10/2022	

CERTIFICATION

I, Marcia L. Pollowy, do hereby certify that I am the duly elected and acting Clerk of the Village of Harwood Heights, County of Cook, State of Illinois.

I do further certify that the foregoing Ordinance 22-09 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17 OF THE VILLAGE OF HARWOOD HEIGHTS CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REGULATE RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS AND ESTABLISH MINIMUM OPEN SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR FRONT YARDS IN THE R1 AND R2 ZONING DISTRICTS

Is true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Harwood Heights at a meeting held on the 9th day of June, 2022.

I do further certify that the original of which the foregoing is a true copy is entrusted to my care and safekeeping, and that I am keeper of the same.

I do further certify that I am the keeper of the records, ordinances, and resolutions of said Village of Harwood Heights, Cook County, Illinois.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my official hand and seal this 10th day of June, 2022.

Village Clerk



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