

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-O-016

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS ADOPTING, IMPLEMENTING AND INCLUDING THE CITY OF ATHENS ZONING ORDINANCE IN THE CODIFIED “CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS”; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Athens, Texas ("City") is a home-rule municipality organized pursuant to the laws of the State of Texas and its home-rule charter; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Chapter 53 gives the City statutory authority to adopt, by ordinance, a codification of its civil and criminal ordinances, together with appropriate penalties for the violation of said ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary to adopt this Ordinance adopting, implementing and including the City’s comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and regulations contained therein in the City’s Codified Code of Ordinances, and finds that inclusion of said Zoning Ordinance will assist and be beneficial to the general governance of all City business and affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ATHENS, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

**I.
ZONING ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

The City of Athens Code of Ordinances is hereby amended so as to include the City’s Zoning Ordinance and all applicable amendments thereto. Once codified, the Zoning Ordinance shall be titled “Chapter 22 - Zoning.”

**II.
REPEALER**

Any ordinance or section(s) of an ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict.

**III.
SEVERABILITY**

Should any section, sentence, provision or regulation of this Ordinance be held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such findings shall not affect the remaining sections, sentences, provisions or regulations hereof, which shall remain in full force and effect.

**IV.
EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the City Council.

First reading this the 8th day of February 2021.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 22nd day of February, 2021 at a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Athens, Texas with the following record vote:

Mayor Monte Montgomery	Aye
Councilmember SyTanna Freeman	Aye
Councilmember Aaron Smith	Aye
Councilmember Robert Gross	Aye

Voted in favor of the motion	4
Voted against the motion	0
Motion carried	4-0

Monte Montgomery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Hambrick, City Secretary