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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 505

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING MUNICIPAL  
10 PLANNING; TO REQUIRE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR  
11 CHANGES TO THE ZONING OR DISTRICT DESIGNATION OF  
12 PROPERTY IN CERTAIN INSTANCES; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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### Subtitle

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17 PLANNING; AND TO REQUIRE AN  
18 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR CHANGES TO  
19 THE ZONING OR DISTRICT DESIGNATION OF  
20 PROPERTY IN CERTAIN INSTANCES.  
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 14-56-416 is amended to add an additional  
26 subsection to read as follows:

27 (d)(1) The ordinance may establish an administrative procedure for  
28 changing the zone or district designation of a property when the request is:

29 (A) Made by the property owner; and

30 (B) Consistent with the adopted land use plan.

31 (2) An administrative change of a zone or district designation  
32 under subdivision (d)(1) of this section is not subject to the requirements  
33 under § 14-56-422 or § 14-56-423.

34 (3) Decisions rendered on administrative changes of a zone or  
35 district designation under subdivision (d)(1) of this section may be appealed  
36 to the planning commission of the municipality.



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SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-56-422 is amended to read as follows:  
14-56-422. Adoption of plans, ordinances, and regulations.

All Except as otherwise provided in § 14-56-416(d), all plans,  
recommended ordinances, and regulations shall be adopted through the  
following procedure:

(1)(A) The planning commission shall hold a public hearing on  
the plans, ordinances, and regulations proposed under this subchapter.

(B) Notice of public hearing shall be published in a  
newspaper of general circulation in the city at least one (1) time fifteen  
(15) days prior to the hearing.

(C) Notice by first class mail to the boards of directors  
of all school districts affected by a proposed plan, ordinance, or regulation  
shall be provided sufficiently in advance to allow representatives of all  
affected school districts a reasonable opportunity to submit comments on any  
proposed plan, ordinance, or regulation;

(2) Following the public hearing, proposed plans may be adopted  
and proposed ordinances and regulations may be recommended as presented or in  
modified form by a majority vote of the entire commission;

(3) Following its adoption of plans and recommendation of  
ordinances and regulations, the commission shall certify adopted plans or  
recommended ordinances and regulations to the legislative body of the city  
for its adoption;

(4) The legislative body of the city may return the plans and  
recommended ordinances and regulations to the commission for further study or  
recertification or by a majority vote of the entire membership may adopt by  
ordinance or resolution the plans and recommended ordinances or regulations  
submitted by the commission. However, nothing in this subchapter shall be  
construed to limit the city council's authority to recall the ordinances and  
resolutions by a vote of a majority of the council; and

(5)(A) Following adoption by the legislative body, the adopted  
plans, ordinances, and regulations shall be filed in the office of the city  
clerk.

(B) The city clerk shall file the plans, ordinances, and  
regulations as pertain to the territory beyond the corporate limits with the  
county recorder of the counties in which territorial jurisdiction is being

1 exercised.

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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-56-423 is amended to read as follows:  
4 14-56-423. Change in plans, etc.

5 ~~After~~ Except as otherwise provided in § 14-56-416(d), after adoption of  
6 plans, ordinances, and regulations and proper filing in the offices of city  
7 clerk and county recorder, no alteration, amendment, extension, abridgement,  
8 or discontinuance of the plans, ordinances, or regulations may be made except  
9 in conformance with the procedure prescribed in § 14-56-422, or by a majority  
10 vote of the city council.

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