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A Bill

SENATE BILL 505

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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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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18 PLANNING; AND TO REQUIRE AN
19 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE FOR CHANGES TO
20 THE ZONING OR DISTRICT DESIGNATION OF
21 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.
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35 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 14-56-422 is amended to read as follows:
36 14-56-422. Adoption of plans, ordinances, and regulations.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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36 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 14-56-423 is amended to read as follows:

1 14-56-423. Change in plans, etc.

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

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