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Ordinance No. 878

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 102, "ZONING" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS; THE SAME BEING THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE BY ADOPTING REGULATIONS FOR HOTELS AND MOTELS IN ALL DISTRICTS; INCLUDING ADOPTING ACCESSABILITY REQUIREMENTS, PROVIDING FOR MINIMUM NUMBER OF GUEST ROOMS; PROVIDING FOR GUEST REGISTRATION; AND REQUIRING SECURITY CAMERAS; PROVIDING A PENALTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS PER DAY FOR VIOLATIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT OR IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND SAVINGS PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

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WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council of the City of Stafford have published notice and conducted public hearings regarding the need to amend the requirements of the City for hotels and motels; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Stafford has found and determined that existing requirements for hotels and motels are not adequate; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of certain minimum standards for hotels and motels will help provide better security for the hotels and motels, and create a more desirable and safer environment within which to live, work and recreate; now, therefore,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS:**

Section 1. The Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance of the City of Stafford, Texas, is hereby amended by adding to Section 102-160 to Chapter 102, Zoning, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stafford, Texas, to provide as follows:

**"Sec. 102-160. Hotel and Motels.**

(a) The following requirements apply to hotels and motels permitted for new construction after October 15, 2007:

- (1) *Number of Rooms.* A hotel or motel shall have at least 65 guest rooms.
  - (2) *Accessibility.* A guest room shall be accessible only from an internal hallway and the internal hallway shall be accessible only from a central lobby area contained within the hotel/motel.
- (b) After March 1, 2008, the following requirements apply to all hotels and motels:
- (1)) *Registration.* When a guest arrives for registration, the guest shall provide at least two forms of identification, one of which shall include photographic likeness of the guest and be issued by a governmental agency. The guest shall also provide the license plate number of the vehicle, if any, to be used by the guest during the guest's stay. The hotel/motel shall issue a parking sticker or other identifying placard to be placed on the windshield of each vehicle to be used by the guest during the guest's stay. The registration shall include the guests check-in and checkout times. The hotel/motel shall maintain a copy of the registration information including a copy of the photographic identification for thirty (30) days.
  - (2) *Security cameras.* A hotel/motel shall install and maintain, in proper operating order, security cameras in each interior hallway and lobby, in the parking lots, and at each exterior door. The cameras shall be placed so as to provide visibility to the front and rear exteriors of the building and to the swimming pool area, if any. Monitors shall be provided for security and other hotel/motel personnel so that on-site activities may be viewed at all times. The security cameras shall be equipped with recording devices capable under normal lighting and operating conditions of producing reasonable photographic images of the persons in the specified areas. Video recordings from security cameras shall be operating 24 hours a day and shall be kept a minimum of thirty (30) days.
  - (3) *Exterior Doors.* Exterior doors (other than lobby doors) shall be locked after 11:00 p.m. and shall be equipped with an alarm or other device that will alert hotel/motel security and other personnel when the door has been opened."

Section 3. Any person, corporation or entity who or which shall intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be

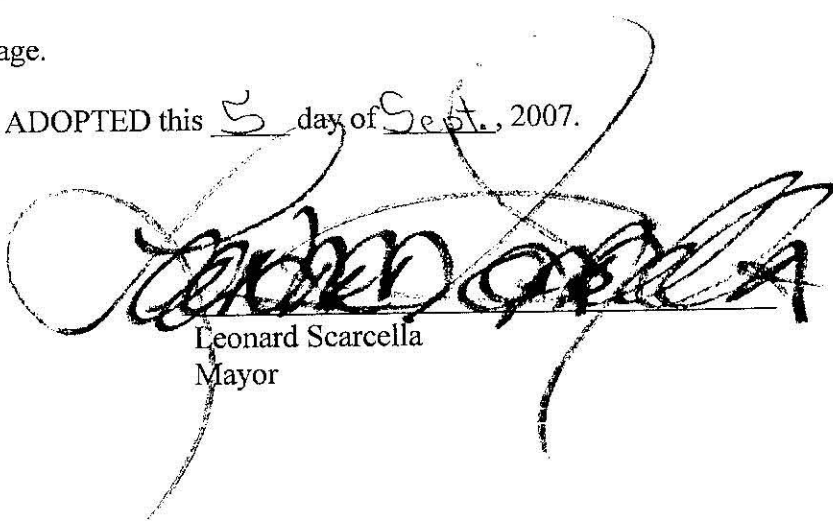
deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined in an amount not to exceed \$2,000. Each day in which any violation shall occur, or each occurrence of any violation, shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency or conflict, hereby repealed.

Section 5. In the event any clause, phrase, provision, sentence, or part of this Ordinance or the application of the same to any person or circumstance shall for any reason be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect, impair, or invalidate this Ordinance as a whole or any part or provision hereof other than the part declared to be invalid or unconstitutional; and the City Council of the City of Stafford, Texas, declares that it would have passed each and every part of the same notwithstanding the omission of any such part thus declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, whether there be one or more parts.


Section 6. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage. The City Secretary is directed to publish the caption of this Ordinance once in the official newspaper of the City within ten days after its final passage.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 5 day of Sept., 2007.



Leonard Scarcella  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Bonnie Baiamonte  
City Secretary