

**CITY OF ST. GEORGE**

**BY COUNCIL MEMBER EDMONDS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-039**

TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, TO CLARIFY PUBLIC SIDEWALK SERVITUDES AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS (Case No. T-25-06)

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2024, the St. George City Council approved Ordinance No. 2024-002, in part, adopting the East Baton Rouge Unified Development Code (with some changes) as the Interim Unified Development Code (“UDC”) and incorporated the UDC into the St. George Code of Ordinances as Title 7; and

WHEREAS, Section 7:13.8 of the UDC requires public sidewalks to be constructed along streets as part of the subdivision process but does not clearly state that said sidewalks may be required to be placed in a public sidewalk servitude when there is not adequate space in the adjacent public right-of-way;

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to clarify that sidewalks can be required to be constructed in a public sidewalk servitude when there is inadequate space in the adjacent public right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, after a public hearing held on July 7, 2025, before the City of St. George Zoning Commission, the Commission recommended approval of the text of an amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the St. George City Council, State of Louisiana, as follows:

**Section 1: Amendment.** Section 7:4.3.7 entitled Minor Subdivisions and Section 7:13.8 entitled Sidewalks and Pedestrian Ways of the UDC are hereby amended as set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto.

**Section 2: Conflicts.** The specific terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall prevail against other existing ordinances of the City to the extent that there may be any conflict.

**Section 3: Severability.** If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication.

This ordinance having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was:

For: Cook, Dellucci, Edmonds, Himmel, Monachello, Murrell, Talbot

Against:

Absent / Abstaining / Recused:

Adopted this 12th day of August, 2025

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025

Delivered to the Mayor on the 15th day of August, 2025

Lorraine Beaman  
Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Approved:

Dustin Yates  
Dustin Yates, Mayor

Received from the Mayor on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025

Lorraine Beaman  
Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Adopted Ordinance published in The Advocate on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2025.

# EXHIBIT A

NOTE: Underlined text is new. ~~Strike through text is deleted.~~

## Chapter 4 SITE PLANS AND PLATS

### Sec. 7:4.3 Subdivision Plats

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### Sec. 7:4.3.7 Minor Subdivisions

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A. *Defined.* Any subdivision that ~~meets all~~ falls into one of the following criteria ~~exclusive~~ categories shall be considered a minor subdivision:

1. Dedication, acceptance, relocation, or deletion of servitudes, including sidewalk and utility servitudes, except not:

a. Servitudes for streets; or

b. Revocation or relocation of servitudes dedicated to public use, which shall follow the procedures of Sec. 7:3.6; or

2. Subdivision that meets all the following criteria:

~~1~~a. No more than two acres of land;

~~2~~b. No more than five lots;

~~3~~c. No dedication or revocation of public right-of-way or private access servitude ~~(may involve utility servitudes);~~

4d. No creation of any public improvement, or public or private street; and

~~5~~e. Meets all development regulations and may not request a variance to lot area or width.

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## Chapter 13 TRANSPORTATION

### Sec. 7:13.8 Sidewalks and Pedestrian Ways

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#### B. Requirements

1. All sidewalks required by this section shall be located in:

a. The public right-of-way;

b. A public sidewalk servitude proximate to the public right-of-way; or

c. If the sidewalk is adjacent to a private street, the street's private access servitude.

2. All pedestrian ways shall meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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