

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

BY COUNCIL MEMBER COOK:

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-013

**TO AMEND TITLE 7 OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT
CODE RELATIVE TO OUTDOOR KITCHENS AND TO
PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS**

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2024, the St. George City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-002, adopting the EBR Unified Development Code in part and some amendments as the City's interim Unified Development Code ("UDC");

WHEREAS, the UDC has been incorporated into the St. George Code of Ordinances as Title 7;

WHEREAS, Section 7:2.3.3.D.8 of the UDC provides that prior to the issuance of a permit to install an outdoor kitchen, approval must be obtained from the Board of Adjustments;

WHEREAS, the Council believes outdoor kitchens that meet size, location, setback, and lot coverage standards should be permitted accessory uses/structures without the need for Board of Adjustments approval; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the proposed changes as case number T-25-02 on March 10, 2025, before the City of St. George Zoning Commission at which the Commission unanimously recommended approval of the amendment for the UDC.

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

Section 1. Amendment.

The deletions and additions to the UDC set forth in Exhibit A, attached hereto, are hereby adopted.

Section 2. Conflicts. The specific terms and conditions of this Ordinance shall prevail over other Ordinances to the extent that there is any conflict.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or provision of this Ordinance is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or parts thereof, other than the part declared invalid. The remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected by the declaration of invalidity and shall remain in force and effect.

This Ordinance having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
Ayes: Cook, Edmonds, Heck, Himmel, Monachello
Nays:

Introduced to the City Council on March 25, 2025 and voted on April 8, 2025.


Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Delivered to Mayor on April 10, 2025.


Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Approved:


Dustin Yates, Mayor

Received from Mayor on April 11, 2025.


Lorraine Beaman, City Clerk

Ordinance published in The Advocate on the 19th day of April, 2025.

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Chapter 2
ADMINISTRATION

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Sec. 7:2.3 Board of Adjustment

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Sec. 7:2.3.3 Authority

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D. Exceptions. The Board shall have the authority to permit only the exceptions to the provisions of the Unified Development Code listed below.

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~~8. To permit the construction of an outdoor kitchen. Such a kitchen shall be located in the rear yard and located at least three feet from any side lot line and ten feet from any rear lot line.~~

98. To permit the construction on a residential lot of an accessory structure that is greater than 1,000 square feet in area provided that the combined footprint of all accessory structures on the lot does not exceed 30 percent of the rear yard area.

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Chapter 9
USE REGULATIONS

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Sec. 7:9.5 Accessory Uses and Structures

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Sec. 7:9.5.1 Standards Applicable to All Uses

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C. Maximum Rear Yard Coverage and Size. On a residentially used property:

1. The combined footprint of all accessory structures may cover no more than 30 percent of the rear yard; and
2. Other than in the REA and Rural districts, no individual accessory structure on a residentially used property may occupy more than 30 percent of the rear yard or may exceed 1,000 square feet in area.

Sec. 7:9.5.2 Standards Applicable to Specific Accessory Uses and Structures

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G. Outdoor Kitchen. One outdoor kitchen may be allowed per dwelling provided that it:

1. Shall be:

a. Located:

- (1) In the rear yard;
- (2) At least three feet from any side lot line; and
- (3) At least ten feet from any rear lot line; and

b. Open on at least two sides, so that it is outside and not conditioned, though it may be screened; and

2. May be roofed.

GH. Portable Storage Containers

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Chapter 19 DEFINITIONS

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Accessory Structure: a separate building structure, typically located on the same lot as a principal structure, that is devoted to a use typically considered subordinate, or accessory, to the primary use of the property.

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Kitchen, outdoor: an area or structure designed for the preparation of food outside of the ~~and accessory to a principale residential building structure designed for the preparation of food that is located in the rear yard that may be roofed but is open on at least two sides.~~

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