

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-0921-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LORENA, TEXAS, APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE CITY OF LORENA 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; INCLUDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lorena determined that the City's existing Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2013 was in need of updating; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council appointed the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Lorena to ensure community input into the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the new Comprehensive Plan adopted under this ordinance shall be known and cited for all purposes as the "2020 Comprehensive Plan"; and,

WHEREAS, a copy of the 2020 Comprehensive Plan is on file in the office of the City Secretary; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 Comprehensive Plan has been drafted and reviewed by City Staff, the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held, during which the public was given the opportunity to give testimony and present written evidence regarding the 2020 Comprehensive Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Lorena to approve and adopt the 2020 Comprehensive Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDANED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LORENA, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby made findings of fact and incorporated herein for all purposes. Based on these findings, the City Council hereby adopts the City of Lorena 2020 Comprehensive Plan ("Comprehensive Plan") in

its entirety, intending that the Comprehensive Plan shall amend, supersede, and replace the City's existing comprehensive plan.

Section 2. The Council further grants the City Secretary full authority to correct all non-substantive clerical or typographical errors in the Comprehensive Plan, and make other necessary formatting, heading and numbering changes, provided that such corrections and changes do not change the meaning or effect of the Comprehensive Plan.

Section 3. Effect on Other City Plans. The existence of the Comprehensive Plan does not limit the ability of the City to prepare other plans, policies, or strategies as required. The relationship of the Comprehensive Plan and the development regulations, and other plans, policies, or strategies of the City may be determined in the discretion of the City Council on each specific development proposal brought before the City. The standards for determining the consistency required between the Comprehensive Plan and the development regulations will include a review of the proposal, its relationship to neighboring tracts, its requirements for road access and usage and utility services, and the best interest of the City, all as determined by the sound discretion of the City Council. The City Council is expected to apply development regulations in the form of zoning or development agreements in the best interest of the City with regard to each tract of land. Variations between the Comprehensive Plan and the development of each tract may occur as the City Council considers all of the factors of the development that exists at the time the proposal for development is received.

Section 4. Severability. If any subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this ordinance or any application of it to any person, structure, gathering, or circumstance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, then such decision will not affect the validity of the remaining portions or applications of this ordinance.

Section 5. Repealer Clause. This ordinance restates and amends all prior comprehensive plans, including maps and comprehensive plan ordinances prior to the date of this ordinance. All comprehensive planning ordinances, including their related plans and maps are repealed and replaced by this ordinance and the maps and plans approved herein.

Section 5. It is officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public to the extent allowed by group gathering limitations during this disaster and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by law.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of September, 2020.



ATTEST:

Monica Hendrix
Monica Hendrix, City Secretary

Chuck Roper
Chuck Roper, Mayor