

ORDINANCE NO. 17-_____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, PROVIDING THAT THE BILLINGS, MONTANA CITY CODE BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 27-304 – APPLICATION AND GENERAL RULES - TO ADD LANGUAGE TO CLARIFY THE REGULATION AND ADOPT THE REVISION AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING REGULATIONS AND SET A TIME PERIOD FOR THE REGULATION TO BE EFFECTIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

1. RECITALS. *Title 76, Chapter 2, Part 3, MCA, and Section 27-1502, BMCC,* provide for amendment to the City Zoning Regulations from time to time. The City Council initiated the amendment to the City Zoning Regulations and the City Zoning Commission and staff have reviewed the proposed zoning regulations hereinafter described. The recommendations of the Zoning Commission and staff have been submitted to the City Council, and the City Council, in due deliberation, has considered the proposed amendments to the City Zoning Regulations.

2. DESCRIPTION. The zoning regulation shall apply to all land within the City of Billings.

3. ZONE AMENDMENT.

SEC. 27-304. APPLICATION AND GENERAL RULES.

Within the various zoning districts as hereinbefore defined and as indicated on the Official Zoning Map and subject to the requirements of BMCC Sections 27-301 through 27-1511, no building or structure shall be erected, reconstructed or structurally altered, nor shall any land, building or structure be used for any purpose except as they are allowed in the district in which such building, land or use is located. No use of land shall be permitted by right or conditionally permitted within the City of Billings that is in violation of federal, state or local law. The regulations set forth by this chapter within each zone shall be minimum regulations and shall apply uniformly to each class or type of structure or land except as hereinafter provided:

- (a) No building, structure or land shall hereafter be used or occupied, and no building or structure or part thereof shall hereafter be erected, constructed, reconstructed, moved or structurally altered after the effective date of this chapter unless in conformity with all of the regulations herein specified for the zone in which it is located except nonconforming uses and structures as provided in BMCC Sections 27-401, et seq.;
- (b) No building or other structure shall hereafter be erected or altered:
 1. To exceed the height limitation;
 2. To accommodate or house a greater number of families;
 3. To occupy a greater percentage of lot area; or

4. To have a narrower or smaller rear yard, front yard, side yard or other open space than herein required, or in any manner contrary to the provisions of this chapter.

(c) *Temporary Suspension of Various Zoning and other regulations.* Upon approval by resolution, the City Council may temporarily suspend the requirements and restrictions imposed by Sections 7-603, 15-602, 27-304, 27-305, 27-601 and 27-606 of the City Code in order to accommodate the temporary increase in visitor population created by large special events held within the City of Billings when the City's public lodging capability is actually or predicted to be at or near maximum capacity. The City Council may suspend ordinances related to the following general areas of regulation in any combination deemed appropriate under the circumstances created by a special event. The resolution of suspension shall become effective forty-eight (48) hours prior to the official start of the scheduled event and shall terminate forty-eight (48) hours after official conclusion of the event.

1. Parking
2. Camping
3. Business licensing and/or health department inspections.

4. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective from and after final passage and as provided by law.

PASSED by the City Council on first reading August 28, 2017

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on second reading September 11, 2017.

CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY: _____
Thomas W. Hanel, Mayor

ATTEST:

BY: Denise Bohlman, City Clerk