

**ORDINANCE NO. O-2022-18**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING A PORTION OF CHAPTER 27 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DURANGO BY THE AMENDMENT OF THE LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT CODE USE/ZONE MATRIX (SECTION 2-1-3-4) BY CHANGING PROTECTIVE SERVICES, FIRE AND POLICE STATIONS, IN THE CB - CENTRAL BUSINESS ZONE FROM "A" ALLOWED USES TO "C" CONDITIONAL USES, TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THE PROPOSED LAND USE, AND ADDING ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE (SECTION 2-2-3-5) TO READ THAT IN THE CB-CENTRAL ZONE, FIRE AND POLICE STATIONS SHALL CONFORM TO PLANS AND GUIDELINES ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, Durango has benefited from a rich history of public engagement, the citizens of Durango deserve a meaningful opportunity to discuss in public hearings the siting of Protective Services - fire and police - within the Central Business District and potential impacts on public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City of Durango is responsible for adopting regulations which protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, and for mitigating actions which present any risk to the health, safety, and welfare of the public; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance is presented to the City Council as an Initiative and in accordance with Article VII of the City Charter; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has certified the sufficiency of the submitted initiative petition and has presented it to the City Council for action; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has heretofore been held before the City Council, and the Council has determined, subsequent to said public hearing, that the proposed amendments and additions to Chapter 27 of the City Code of Ordinances of the City of Durango would be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Durango and are important to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF DURANGO HEREBY ORDAINS:

The following sections be amended in Chapter 27 of the City Code of Ordinances:

Section 2-1-3-4 in the Use Zone Matrix shall classify Police and Fire Stations in the CB-Central Business zone district as a "C" Conditional Use and eliminate Police and Fire Stations as an "A" Allowed Use, and create a new reference to code section 2-2-3-5;

