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ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA

Serial No. 2012-36

An Ordinance Amending the Land Use Code to Remove the Geographical Restrictions on Reconstruction of a Dwelling That Has Been Damaged.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF JUNEAU, ALASKA:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become a part of the City and Borough Code.

Section 2. Amendment of Section. CBJ 49.25.430 - Yard setbacks, is amended to read:

49.25.430 - Yard setbacks.

No portion of any of the items listed in subsection (1) of this section may be located on any lot closer to any lot line or to the street right-of-way line or centerline than is authorized in the table of dimensional standards in table 49.25.400, except as otherwise noted in this section. An alley or walkway is not subject to front setbacks unless it is the primary access to the lot.

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(5) Replacement and reconstruction of certain nonconforming buildings. The replacement and reconstruction of certain nonconforming buildings in residential districts shall be governed by subsection 49.30.500(b).

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Section 3. Amendment of Section. CBJ 49.25.510 - Special density considerations, is amended to read:

49.25.510 - Special density considerations.

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(f) Replacement and reconstruction of certain nonconforming buildings. The replacement and reconstruction of certain nonconforming buildings in residential districts shall be governed in part by subsection 49.30.500(b). The replacement and reconstruction of multifamily dwellings in all multifamily residential districts shall be governed in part by subsection 49.30.500(c).

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Section 4. Amendment of Section. CBJ 49.30.500 - Reconstruction, is amended to read:

49.30.500 - Reconstruction.

(a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, if a building is damaged by any change so that the cost of renewal of the damaged parts exceeds 75 percent of the cost of the replacement of the entire building, exclusive of foundations, using new materials, then such building shall not be rebuilt, unless the building and its intended use comply with this title. The determination of whether a building is destroyed to the extent described shall be made by the building official.

(b) If a single-family dwelling, duplex, or multifamily dwelling in a residential district is damaged by any involuntary change, including fire, flood, landslide, avalanche, or earthquake, so that the cost of renewal of the damaged parts exceeds 75 percent of the cost of the replacement of the entire building, exclusive of foundations, using new materials, then such building may be replaced or reconstructed to the same footprint on the original location with the exception of encroachments into public rights-of-way or adjacent property; provided, the intended use of the building is the same as, or less intensive than, the prior use and is a permissible use in the district. The determination of whether a building is destroyed to the extent described shall be made by the building official. If the building official determines that the foundation of the building is not reusable due to damage or substantial noncompliance with title 19, the building regulations code, then the building may be replaced or reconstructed to the same footprint and the footprint shall be relocated on the lot so as to reduce, to the extent reasonably feasible, the occurrence or severity of any nonconforming setbacks, taking into consideration topography, shape, and size of the lot, and all other relevant factors. However, if such relocation is not reasonably feasible, the building may be replaced or reconstructed to the same footprint on the original location. Projections beyond the footprint including architectural features, roof eaves, foundation footings, porches, decks, terraces, patios, unenclosed stairways, and fire escapes, and attached structures, may also be replaced or reconstructed as they existed on the original building, with the exception of encroachments into public rights-of-way or adjacent property. An as-built survey or other proof of the footprint and location of the original building and projections beyond the footprint is to be provided to the City and Borough at the time the building is to be replaced or reconstructed. A building may be replaced or reconstructed under this subsection with the same number of off-street parking spaces as were provided for the original building. Nothing in this subsection constitutes an approval or waiver of an encroachment of the building or its footprint or projections beyond the footprint into a public right-of-way or adjacent property, nor does it authorize the building or projections beyond the footprint of the building to be replaced or reconstructed so as to encroach into a public right-of-way or adjacent property. Nothing in this subsection waives any other applicable laws or regulations including title 19, the building regulations code, and this title.

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Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective 30 days after its adoption.

Adopted this 17th day of September, 2012.

Bruce Botelho, Mayor

Attest:

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