

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF HIGH POINT DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE

**WHEREAS**, the City of High Point adopted the "City of High Point Development Ordinance" on May 16, 2016, with an effective date of January 1, 2017, and subsequently amended; and

**WHEREAS**, public hearings were held before the Planning and Zoning Commission on July 27, 2021 and before the City Council on August 16, 2021 regarding Text Amendment 21-03; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the public hearings was published in the High Point Enterprise on July 18, 2021 for the Planning and Zoning Commission public hearing, and on August 4, 2021 and August 11, 2021 for the City Council public hearing pursuant to Chapter 160D-601 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

**NOW THEREFORE**, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA:

**SECTION 1.**

*(Regarding low voltage electric fences)*

**PART A.**

That Section 5.11.3., Exemptions, to add a clear exemption for below-ground electric fences used for the keeping of pets, is hereby amended as follows:

**5.11.3 Exemptions**

**C. Below-ground low voltage electric fences used for the purpose of keeping pets.**

**PART B.**

That Section 5.11.5.C., Nonresidential and Mixed Uses, regarding fence height, is hereby amended as follows:

**C. Nonresidential and Mixed Uses** No fence may be erected that exceeds 8 feet in height, unless the fence is 15 feet from a lot line, or it complies with the minimum setback requirements as applied to the principal structure, whichever is

greater.; **or it is a low-voltage electric fence, as allowed in accordance with Section 5.11.6, Materials.**

**PART C.**

That Section 5.11.6.B., Restricted Materials, to add standards for low-voltage electric fences, is hereby amended as follows:

2. Fences that carry an electrical current are allowed for the purposes of enclosing livestock **(nothing shall prohibit below-ground electrical fences intended for the keeping of pets).**

**3. Low voltage electric fences with a maximum of 12 volts, primary voltage, are allowed in the Light Industrial (LI) and Heavy Industrial (HI) districts for nonresidential uses provided all of the following are met:**

**(a) It shall not exceed 10 feet in height, or 2 feet taller than the permitted fence by which it is enclosed, whichever is greater;**

**(b) It shall be enclosed by a non-electric fence or wall with a minimum height of 6 feet;**

**(c) It shall be separated from any non-electric fence or wall by a minimum of 6 inches, except when enclosed by a gate; and**

**(d) It shall be identified by signs, each not to exceed 4 square feet in area.**

**SECTION 2.**

Should any section or provision of this ordinance be declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**SECTION 3.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4.**

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

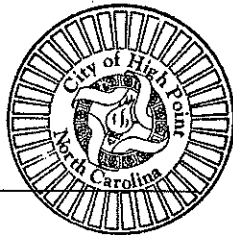
Adopted by the City Council  
City of High Point, North Carolina  
The **16<sup>th</sup>** day of **August, 2021**  
Lisa B. Vierling, City Clerk

By: *Britt W. Moore*

Britt W. Moore, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

*Lisa B. Vierling*



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