ORDINANCE NO 2025-2675

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE (UDO)
REWRITE AS CHAPTER 15 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REPLACE AND TO REPEAL
THE CURRENT UDO (ORDINANCE NO 98-1493)

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2021, the City of Franklin entered into a contract with Houseal Lavigne Associates, LLC, an urban planning consultant, to assist in the full rewrite of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO), to update the City zoning and land division regulations; and on January 16, 2024, the City amended such agreement for additional services to the UDO Rewrite, and

WHEREAS, the UDO Rewrite Task Force was given the charge of reviewing and gaining public input toward adoption of the Unified Development Ordinance Rewrite, the task force consisting of the City of Franklin Plan Commission, two (2) members of the Environmental Commission and one (1) member of the Economic Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission held a public hearing on January 23, 2025, to hear public input about the Unified Development Ordinance Update Rewrite; and two (2) additional meetings on March 6 and April 3, 2025, Planning staff and the consultant held a public open house on December 9, 2024, a public workshop on August 26, 2021, and two (2) focus group meetings on May 20 and July 30, 2024; Planning staff presented six (6) status updates to the Common Council between September 7, 2021 and November 19, 2024; and the UDO Rewrite Task Force held fourteen (14) meetings to review this UDO Rewrite between February 3, 2022 and September 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission recommended at its meeting on April 3, 2025, that the Common Council adopt the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Rewrite; finding the Ordinance updates and replaces the current Unified Development Ordinance, adopted by Ordinance No. 98-1493, is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Master Plan; sets development policy as requested by the citizens of Franklin for adequate densities preserving natural features and open space while providing opportunities for economic growth; creates a readable format, and upholds the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the general public

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Franklin, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1

Under the authority granted by Sections 62 23(7), 62 231, 87 30, 281.31 and 236 45 of the Wisconsin Statutes and amendments thereto, adoption of the ordinance to be known as, referred to, or cited as, "UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE, CITY OF FRANKLIN, WISCONSIN"

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(attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein), which shall replace the current Unified Development Ordinance as Chapter 15 of the City Municipal Code.

SECTION 2:

The current Unified Development Ordinance, adopted by Ordinance No. 98-1493, and Municipal Code Chapter 210 Signs and Billboards are hereby repealed and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or conflicting with this Ordinance, to the extent of the inconsistency are hereby repealed, with the exception of UDO Part 8 Improvements and Construction and Section 15-3.1107 Noise.

SECTION 4:

This ordinance shall take effect on June 9, 2025; after its passage and publication.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin this 6th day of May, 2025, by Alderperson Eichmann.

Passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin this 6th day of May, 2025.

APPROVED:

John R. Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shirley J. Roberts, City Clerk

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