

ORDINANCE NO. 001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS ESTABLISHING A MORATORIUM ON ALL LOT IMPROVEMENT AND/OR CONSTRUCTION FOR 60 DAYS OR UNTIL AN APPROPRIATE ZONING ORDINANCE IS APPROVED AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Board of Aldermen have an obligation to control land use for the welfare and benefit of all citizens: and

WHEREAS, a Planing and Zoning Board has been appointed to develop a comprehensive land use plan and ordinances to control land usage: and

WHEREAS, a period of 60 days may be required for the Planing and Zoning Board to complete this assignment and for approval by the Board of Aldermen: and

WHEREAS, property owners conducting lot improvement authorized by a Highland Haven Property Owners Association, Inc building permit issued prior to November 07, 1995 would experience a undo hardship if required to cease and desist for a period of 60 days; therefore, these lots are exempt from this specific ordinance: and

WHEREAS, this ordinance will benefit the citizens and protect their welfare by affording them input opportunity through public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND HAVEN, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION.

The Board of Aldermen hereby authorize implementation of the ordinance.

SECTION 2. APPLICATION.

This ordinance applies to all lots and tracts of land, not otherwise exempted, located within the City Limits of Highland Haven, Texas.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION.

Lot improvement as used herein includes, but is not limited to, all dirt work, any construction and/or relocation of any type building or facility.

SECTION 4. RESTRICTIONS.

All lot improvement of any and all kind or placement of any improvements on any property in the city is prohibited for 60 days beginning from the date this ordinance is signed by the Mayor of Highland Haven, Texas.

SECTION 5. PENALTY.

Any person, corporation or association violating any provision of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). In addition failure to remove the lot improvement or correct the action of improvement within 24 hours shall be punished by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each day the violation continues.

SECTION 6. EMERGENCY

By vote of Aldermen it is determined that the health, safety, and welfare requires that this ordinance be enacted immediately as an emergency.