

THE CITY OF WOODS CROSS, UTAH

ORDINANCE NO. 642

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WOODS CROSS CITY COUNCIL IMPOSING TEMPORARY ZONING REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF NEW APPLICATIONS FOR SECOND DRIVEWAYS IN SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES OF THE WOODS CROSS CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, the City finds that there is a lack of clarity regarding second driveways, hard surface requirements, and lot coverage in single-family residential zones; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that the potential for allowing second driveways applications to be reviewed with the lack of clarity presents a compelling and countervailing public interest that supports the imposition of regulations imposing a temporary stay of the acceptance and processing of new applications prior to the full consideration and recommendation for revisions to Code by the Planning Commission and adoption by the City Council, and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this temporary zoning regulation is necessary and is authorized in pursuant to provisions of Utah Code, 10-9a-504.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Woods Cross City, Utah, as follows:

Section 1. Adoption. The following Ordinance is hereby enacted and adopted to read in its entirety as follows:

Title. This Ordinance shall take effect without codification and may be cited as the temporary “Second Driveway and Hard Surface Single-Family Zoning Regulations,” of Woods Cross City Code.

Findings. Pursuant to Utah Code, 10-9a-504, the City Council hereby finds that the health, safety, welfare, and convenience of the public and the residents of the city will be promoted and enhanced by adopting this Ordinance imposing temporary regulations governing the acceptance and processing of new second driveway applications in single-family zones. The City Council hereby finds that such regulations are necessary and desirable to provide for a short term period of study and assessment regarding appropriate recommendations for revision to the Woods Cross City Code.

Temporary Regulations. The following regulations are hereby enacted for a period of time not to exceed one hundred and eighty (180) day period following the adoption of this Ordinance:

From the effective date of this Ordinance, the city shall not accept or process any new applications seeking the installation of a second driveway in single-family residential zones. This matter is hereby referred to the city’s Planning staff and the Planning Commission for a complete review of the provisions regarding second driveways, hard surface requirements, and lot coverage regulations in single-family residential zones.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, part or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance, and all sections, parts, and provisions of this Resolution shall be severable.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days unless it is repealed earlier by the City Council. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon approval of the City Council and recording with the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF WOODS CROSS, UTAH ON THIS 21st DAY OF July 2026.

THE CITY OF WOODS CROSS, UTAH

By: 
RYAN WESTERGARD, MAYOR

Voting:

Julie Checketts	Yea ☒	Nay ☐
Jim Grover	Yea ☒	Nay ☐
Eric Jones	Yea ☒	Nay ☐
Wallace Larrabee	Yea ☒	Nay ☐
Rachel Peterson	Yea ☒	Nay ☐
Ryan Westergard	Yea ☐	Nay ☐ [tie vote only]

ATTEST:

SEAL:


Annette Hanson, City Recorder



RECORDED in the office of the City Recorder this 21st day of July 2026.

STAFF REPORT

To: Mayor Westergard, City Council Members

From: Curtis Poole, Community Development Director

Date: July 21, 2026

Re: Moratorium – Second Driveways in Single-Family Residential Zones



Background

In its last meeting the City Council directed staff to begin working with the Planning Commission on revisions to the city's regulations governing second residential driveways and front yard hard surface coverage. The Council also recommended and directed staff to consider a moratorium on applications for second driveway until amendments to city code can be reviewed and considered by Council.

Basis for Moratorium

Utah Code Section 10-2a-504 authorizes a municipality to adopt a temporary land use regulation, or moratorium, when the municipality determines that such action is necessary to address a compelling public interest and to allow sufficient time to prepare and adopt amendments to its land use regulations.

Staff believes a moratorium is appropriate because the city is actively evaluating standards governing second residential driveways, including:

- Minimum lot frontage requirements.
- Front yard hard surface coverage limitations.
- Approved driveway surfacing materials.
- Standards for recreational vehicle and accessory vehicle parking associated with second driveways.

Without a temporary moratorium, applications could be approved under the existing regulations before the city has an opportunity to adopt comprehensive standards. This could result in driveway installations that are inconsistent with the city's future policy objectives, diminish neighborhood aesthetics, reduce landscaped front yard areas, increase impervious surface coverage, and create inconsistent application of future regulations.

A moratorium would allow staff adequate time to prepare ordinance amendments, receive Planning Commission recommendations, and present proposed regulations to the City Council without the pressure of processing applications under standards that may change.

Proposed Moratorium

The moratorium would apply only to new applications for second driveways in single-family residential zones, and would remain in effect for no longer than one hundred and eighty (180) days, which will allow staff and the Planning Commission time to prepare and the Council to consider potential amendments.

During the moratorium, staff would prepare ordinance amendments addressing the issues previously identified by the City Council, including:

- Eligibility criteria for second driveways.
- Minimum lot frontage requirements.
- Driveway width and spacing standards.
- Hard surface material requirements.
- Front yard landscaping and hard surface coverage limitations.
- Parking standards for recreational vehicles and trailers.

Staff anticipates bringing proposed ordinance amendments to the Planning Commission and City Council before expiration of the moratorium.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the moratorium on acceptance and approval of applications for second residential driveways pursuant to Utah Code Section 10-2a-504, by adopting Ordinance 642.