Ordinance No. 9-15

ORDINANCE:

To grant Text Amendment Application No. TXT2015-00241, Mayor and Council of Rockville, Applicant

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Rockville, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, filed Text Amendment Application TXT2015-00241 for the purpose of amending Chapter 25 of the Rockville City Code, "Zoning," so as to revise Chapter 25 for the purpose of adding a provision that additional landscaping and screening will be required where industrial uses abut residential uses; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed text amendment at its meetings of March 11 and March 25, 2015, and provided comments and recommendations to the Mayor and Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Land Use Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the Mayor and Council of Rockville gave notice that a hearing on said application would be held by the Mayor and Council in the Council Chambers at Rockville City Hall on April 20, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as it may be heard; and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2015, said application came on for hearing at the time and place provided for in said advertisement; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council, having considered the text amendment application and the entire file pertaining thereto, said Mayor and Council have decided that the granting of this application, in the form set forth below, would promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Rockville.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND, as follows:

Amend Article 17, "Public Use Space, Landscaping and Screening, Utility Placement and Screening, Lighting, Sidewalks, and Shadows", as follows:

25.17.02 - Landscaping and Screening

- a. Landscaping, Screening and Lighting Manual Landscaping and screening is required in all zones in accordance with the Landscaping, Screening and Lighting Manual and the Forest and Tree Preservation Ordinance (Chapter 10.5 of the Code). The Landscaping, Screening and Lighting mManual provides information and guidance on matters such as:
 - 1. How to prepare landscape plans;
 - 2. Appropriate use of plants;
 - 3. Screening requirements (including items such as depth, maintenance, location, etc., and additional requirements where industrial uses abut residential uses);

NOTE: [Brackets] indicate material deleted

<u>Underlining</u> indicates material added

Asterisks * * * indicate material unchanged by this ordinance

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an ordinance adopted by the Mayor and Council at its meeting of May 18, 2015.

Sara Taylor-Ferrell, Acting City Clerk