

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A ONE YEAR TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TO INCLUDE BOARDING AND OFFENDER HOUSING, AND HALFWAY SHELTERS IN THE AREAS DESCRIBED AS ALL COMMERCIAL AND MIXED-USE ZONES IN THE CITY OF COTTER, AR.

WHEREAS THE CITY OF COTTER, WITH A VERY SMALL AND LIMITED HIGH TRAFFIC COMMERCIAL ZONES WOULD LIKE TO RESEARCH THE EFFECTS OF SAID SUCH HOUSING AND THE POSSIBLE LONG TERM AFFECTS TO OUR FUTURE COMERCIAL GROWTH IN THESE AREAS.

WHEREAS THE COTTER CITY GOVERNMENT MUST LOOK AFTER THE HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF OUR CITIZENS AND PROTECT OUR COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.

WHEREAS THE CITY COUNCIL BELIEVES IT IS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY TO UPDATE MUNICIPAL ORDANICES AND REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE A FAIR AND EQUITABLE SYSTEM OF REGULATIONS RELATING TO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING IN OUR COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.

THIS MORATORIUM SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 365 DAYS, UNLESS TERMINATED PRIOR TO THAT TIME BY ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AND THIS ORDINANCE IS DECLARED NECESSARY FOR THE IMMEDIATE PRESERVATION OF THE PUBLIC PEACE, HEALTH, AND SAFTEY. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL THEREFORE TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE ____ DAY OF _____ 2015

PEGGY HAMMOCK, MAYOR

ATTEST: BY _____

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