

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COCOA TO DEFINE TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Cocoa is granted the authority, under Section 2(b), Art. VIII, of the State Constitution, to exercise any power for municipal purposes, except when expressly prohibited by law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City currently provides “transportation terminals” are a permitted use in the M-1 zoning district; passenger transportation terminals with subordinate freight facilities are a special exception use in the C-G zoning district; and passenger transportation terminals are a special exception use within commercial/mixed-use PUDs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to provide a definition for the term “transportation terminals” in the Zoning Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, a “transportation terminal” use is different and distinct from “truck parking facilities,” which is a permitted use recently established via Ordinance 07-2024 only in the M-2, Manufacturing and Industrial District; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning and Zoning Board and City Staff of the City of Cocoa have recommended approval of this Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cocoa held two duly noticed public hearings on the proposed zoning change set forth hereunder and considered findings and advice of staff, the Planning and Zoning Board, citizens, and all interested parties submitting comments and supporting data and analysis, and after complete deliberation, hereby finds the requested change consistent with the City of Cocoa Comprehensive Plan and that sufficient, competent, and substantial evidence supports the zoning change set forth hereunder; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, hereby finds this ordinance to be in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Cocoa.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA HEREBY ORDAINS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Recitals.** The foregoing recitals are hereby fully incorporated herein by reference as legislative findings of the City Council of Cocoa.

**Section 2. Zoning Text Amendment.** The City of Cocoa Code of Ordinances Appendix A, Article V, is hereby amended as follows: (underlined type indicates additions and ~~strikeout~~ type indicates deletions, while asterisks (\*\*\*) indicate a deletion from the Ordinance of text existing in Appendix A, Article V. It is intended that the text in Appendix A, Article V denoted by the asterisks and set forth in this Ordinance shall remain unchanged from the language existing prior to the adoption of this Ordinance):

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## APPENDIX A – ZONING

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### ARTICLE V. – DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this ordinance, certain terms or words used herein shall be interpreted as follows:

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TRANSPORTATION TERMINALS. A transportation terminal includes both passenger transportation terminals and freight transportation terminals. Transportation terminals are facilities where passengers or freight are assembled and dispersed during transportation and must include facilities, buildings, and equipment used for the transportation or movement of people or goods. Passenger transportation facilities allow passengers to access modes of transportation such as buses, ferries, or trains, for example, and include ancillary services such as ticketing, food and security services. Freight transportation terminals shall include facilities such as berths, loading bays, freight yards, storage facilities, and warehouses to move and disperse goods. Facilities used primarily for short term or long term parking of vehicles shall not be considered transportation terminals.

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**Section 3. Incorporation Into Code.** This Ordinance shall be incorporated into the City Code of the City of Cocoa and any section or paragraph, number or letter, and any heading may be changed or modified as necessary to effectuate the foregoing. Grammatical, typographical, and like errors may be corrected and additions, alterations, and omissions not affecting the construction or meaning of this Ordinance and the City Code may be freely made.

**Section 4. Repeal of Prior Inconsistent Ordinances and Resolutions.** All prior inconsistent Ordinances and Resolutions adopted by the City Council, or parts of prior Ordinances and Resolutions in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section 5. Severability.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, whether for substantive, procedural, or any other reason, such portion shall

be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

**Section 6. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Cocoa, Florida, in a regular meeting assembled on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**MICHAEL C. BLAKE, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**MONICA ARSENAULT, City Clerk**

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