

ORDINANCE NO. 4567

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY AMENDING SECTION 29.1506 THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUIREMENTS OF EXCEPTION TO LONG DRIVEWAY PAVING REPEALING ANY AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council for the City of Ames, Iowa, that:

Section One. The Municipal Code of the City of Ames, Iowa shall be and the same is hereby amended by amending Section 29.1506 as follows:

“Sec. 29.1506. EXCEPTIONS.

(1) **Purpose.** This section is intended to provide for exceptions, pursuant to Sec. 414.12(2) of the Iowa Code, to the terms of the zoning ordinance upon which the Board is required to pass under the ordinance, to provide a set of procedures and establish standards to be met.

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(4) **When Authorized.** The Zoning Board of Adjustment is authorized to grant the following exceptions:

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(h) Single-Family Dwelling Long Driveway Paving when the dwelling is more than 300 feet from the right-of-way and has previously not had a paved driveway.

(5) **Review Criteria.** Before an exception can be granted, the Board of Adjustment shall establish that the following standards have been or shall be satisfied:

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(i) Long Driveway Paving. The Board may grant a partial exception of paving when the design includes a paved approach to City standards, paving of at least 50 feet on site, an approved alternative surface material specification for rock acceptable to the Municipal Engineer, and the site has a unique characteristic that differentiates the parcel from city urban development patterns by being within a rural, agricultural, or wooded setting. The Board shall find that the exception will provide for a safe and convenient driveway access design and will not have a substantial negative impact upon neighboring properties due to dust, noise, or the lack of a stabilized condition.

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Section Two. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

Passed this 12th day of August, 2025.


Gary M. Watson, Deputy City Clerk


John A. Haila, Mayor

First Reading: July 22, 2025

Second Reading: August 12, 2025

Third Reading: August 12, 2025

Passed on: August 12, 2025

I, Renee Hall, City Clerk of the City of Ames, Iowa, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. 4567, passed by the City Council of said City at the meeting held on August 12, 2025 and signed by the Mayor on August 12, 2025, and published in the Ames Tribune on August 16, 2025.


Renee Hall, City Clerk