

ORDINANCE 22-2026

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF GROUP HOUSING AND FACILITIES IN OWENSBORO.

WHEREAS, the City of Owensboro Board of Commissioners has received public input expressing concern over the location of certain categories of group housing and other facilities within the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to obtain data related to these types of group housing and facilities to determine the accuracy of public input; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission to review the zoning ordinance to determine whether changes are needed to address the concerns raised by citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes it is appropriate to pause applications with regard to these categories of group housing and facilities while the Planning Commission conducts its review.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF OWENSBORO, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby imposed a moratorium on the acceptance and processing by the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission of any site plans and development plans for Residential Care Facilities (Art. VIII, Sec. 8.2, use A-6A) located within the City of Owensboro.

Section 2. There is hereby imposed a moratorium on the acceptance and processing by the Owensboro Metropolitan Planning Commission of any site plans and

development plans for clinics (Art. VIII, Sec. 8.2, use D-6; Art. XXI, Sec.21.7, use D-6) located within the City of Owensboro.

Section 3. There is hereby imposed a moratorium on the acceptance and processing by the Owensboro Board of Adjustments of any Conditional Use Permit applications for fraternity and sorority houses, dormitories, and other group housing such as rehabilitation and transitional homes (Art. VIII, Sec. 8.2, use A-7; Art. XXI, Sec. 21.7, use A-7) located within the City of Owensboro.

Section 4. There is hereby imposed a moratorium on the acceptance and processing by the Owensboro Board of Adjustments of any Conditional Use Permit applications for rehabilitation facilities (Art. VIII, Sec. 8.2, use C-1; Art. XXI, Sec. 21.7, use C-1) located within the City of Owensboro.

Section 5. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prevent a facility from changing locations during the term of the moratoria imposed, provided that any such change does not result in a net increase in the number of facilities.

Section 6. This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication according to law. Unless repealed or extended, the moratoria imposed by this ordinance shall remain in effect for one hundred eighty (180) days. All ordinance references are to the Owensboro Metropolitan Zoning Ordinance.

INTRODUCED AND PUBLICLY READ ON FIRST READING, this 6th day of October, 2026.

PUBLICLY READ AND FINALLY APPROVED ON SECOND READING, this 20th day of October, 2026.

Thomas H. Watson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Beth Davis, City Clerk