Introduced September 8, 2026, by Councilman Brownfield, seconded by Councilwoman Denham, (by request of Administration)

Item No. 26-09-3669

ORDINANCE NO. 4311

An ordinance to eliminate conditional use restrictions on methadone centers and clinics in the City's Unified Development Code.

WHEREAS, the City's Unified Development Code contains conditional use restrictions on certain methadone centers and clinics;

WHEREAS, generally, such facilities are also appropriately categorized as medical offices or outpatient clinics; and

WHEREAS, it is advisable to eliminate any overlay restrictions on methadone centers and clinics more restrictive than restrictions on similar medical care facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session convened, that Article 7, Section 7.1.13 Methadone center or clinics, is amended to read as follows (additions underlined; deletions ~~struck through~~):

Section 7.1.13 Reserved.~~Methadone centers or clinics.~~

~~All standalone methadone centers or clinics, as defined in Article 2 of this UDC, must be granted a Conditional Use Permit, per Article 4 of this UDC, prior to operating in the City, and be in compliance with the following minimum standards and criteria.~~

~~A. The distance between any methadone centers and clinics and any residential district or dwelling shall be a minimum of 1,000 feet measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures, from the nearest point of the property line of the residential district or dwelling to the nearest point of the property line of the said use or the property on which it is situated, if it is one of several business establishments on the property, whichever is greater.~~

~~B. The distance between any methadone center/clinics and any existing school, child care center, church or place of worship, park or recreational area, public library, museum, or community center shall be a minimum of 1,000 feet measured in a~~

~~straight line, without regard to intervening structures, from the nearest point of the property line of the methadone center or clinic to the nearest point of the property line of the school, child care center, church or place of worship, park or recreational area, public library, museum, or community center.~~

~~C. The distance between any methadone center or clinic and any other methadone center or clinic shall be a minimum of 1,000 feet measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures, from the nearest point of the property line of the methadone center or clinic to the nearest point of the property line of the second methadone center or clinic.~~

~~D. Should methadone center or clinic cease operations for 30 days, the conditional use permit shall become null and void.~~

~~E. The minimum standards and criteria in this Section shall not apply to methadone centers or clinics operated wholly within a public or private hospital.~~

ADOPTED this 22nd day of September, 2026.

Leslie Denham
Vice President of the Council
Councilwoman at-Large

Randy Fandal
Mayor

Thomas P. Reeves
Council Administrator

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