

ORDINANCE NO. XXXX

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON ADOPTING A LOCAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING CODE; ADOPTING A LOCAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2024 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE; PROVIDING SAVINGS, PENALTY, SEVERABILITY AND REPEALING CLAUSES; AND ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, at a public hearing held on the Twentieth day of November 2025, the Property Standards Board considered and made recommendation on a certain request for adopting additional amendments to the International Construction Codes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the Second day of December 2025, at which all persons were given an opportunity to present testimony; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after determining all legal requirements of notice and hearing have been met, has further determined the following amendments to the construction codes would provide for and would be in the best interest to safeguard life, health, property, and public welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1.

All of the above premises are found to be true and correct legislative and factual findings of the City Council, and they are hereby approved, ratified, and incorporated into the body of this Ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2.

Section 150.011 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Carrollton, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION § 150.011. AMENDMENTS.

[C] **Section 105.2; subtitle Building, Item 4; amend to read as follows:

4. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge or impounding Class I, II or IIIA liquids; except that retaining walls of any height which are within 4 feet of any right-of-way shall require a permit.

END”

SECTION 3.

Section 150.016 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Carrollton, Texas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“SECTION § 150.016. AMENDMENTS.

[C] **Section R105.2; subtitle Building, Item 3; amend to read as follows:

3. *Retaining walls* that are not over 4 feet (1219 mm) in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge; except that retaining walls of any height which are within 4 feet of any right-of-way shall require a permit.

END”

SECTION 4.

Save and except as amended by this Ordinance, all other ordinances of the City of Carrollton, Texas, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5.

Violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable in accordance with Section 10.99 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Carrollton, Texas.

SECTION 6.

The terms and provisions of this Ordinance are severable in accordance with Section 10.07 and are the Carrollton City Code.

SECTION 7.

To the extent of any prior ordinance of the City of Carrollton (or any provision, clause, phrase, sentence or paragraph contained therein) conflicts with this Ordinance, said conflicting ordinance, provision, clause, phrase, sentence or paragraph is hereby repealed.

SECTION 8.

This Ordinance, after its adoption and publication, shall become and be effective January 1, 2026, and henceforth.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Carrollton, Texas, this 2nd day of December, 2025.

CITY OF CARROLLTON, TEXAS

By: _____
Steve Babick, Mayor

ATTEST:

Chloe Sawatzky, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kanika Juneja, Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

Brett L. King, Director of Development
Services / Building Official