PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 936

SENATE BILL NO. 3430

By Henry

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3956

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 13, relative to zoning.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-7-208(d), is amended by designating the existing language as subdivision (1) and adding the following language as a new subdivision (2):

(2)(A) Multifamily residential establishments (whether used as owneroccupied property or rental property) which were permitted to operate under zoning regulations or exceptions thereto immediately preceding a change in zoning shall be allowed to reconstruct new facilities necessary to the conduct of such multifamily residential establishment subsequent to the zoning change, in the event of damage (whether partial or complete) by involuntary fire or wind damage or other natural disaster.

(B) If any such new facilities exceed the original height, density, setback, or square-footage of the original facilities in existence immediately prior to the damage, then the new facilities shall constitute a change in the use of the land, and any protections provided hereunder shall be forfeited.

(C) If any such new facilities do not exceed the original height, density, setback, or square-footage of the original facilities in existence immediately prior to the damage, then the new facilities shall constitute a continuation of the use of the land immediately prior to the damage, and any protections provided hereunder shall not be forfeited.

(D) Whenever any ordinance enacted under authority of this chapter establishes stricter terms regarding the amount of partial damage that may be allowed without forfeiture of these protections, then the provisions of any such ordinance shall govern.

(E) New facilities shall comply with all architectural design standards required under current zoning regulations and be consistent with the architectural context of the immediate and adjacent block faces.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 10, 2010

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APPROVED this 26th day of May 2010

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