

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF AMES, IOWA, BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 13.503(4)(e)(iv) AND RENUMBERING THE CURRENT SECTION 13.503(4)(e)(iv) TO 13.503(4)(e)(v) THEREOF, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING THE OPTION FOR PROPERTIES TO INCREASE OCCUPANT COUNT BY ADDING BEDROOMS WHEN THERE IS AN EXISTING EGRESS WINDOW; 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 enacting a new Section 13.503(4)(e)(iv) as follows:

**“Sec. 13.503. OCCUPANCY LIMITATIONS.**

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**(4) Limits based on Zoning District - Maximum Occupancy**

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(e)

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(iv) Any room that had a legally conforming egress window on January 1, 2018 may be converted to a code-compliant bedroom and have that bedroom count toward the allowed number of occupants in areas where the number of occupants were frozen on January 1, 2018. Owners intending to convert such rooms must notify the Building Official of their intent to do so within 30 days of the effective date of this ordinance. The bedroom must be a legal bedroom, verified by the Inspection Division, within 6 months of the effective date of this ordinance.

(v) For rental dwellings located within the Near Campus Neighborhoods for which a registration is being sought after January 1, 2018, the number of bedrooms for determining maximum occupancy shall be determined by an inspection by the Inspection Division.

*(Ord. No. 4332, 1-9-18; Ord. No. 4343, 4-24-18)*

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 All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, if any.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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Diane R. Voss, City Clerk

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John A. Haila, Mayor