Planning Commission Agenda Cover Memo

Date: January 27, 2025

Subject: Code Amendment – Chapter 11

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ITEM DESCRIPTION

This amendment corrects certain errors identified in Chapter 11, removes certain regulation not applicable, and consolidates the definitions found in the zoning code, correcting confusion and conflict.

REQUESTED ACTIONS

• Approve the amendment to Chapter 11 (zoning code), as drafted.

BACKGROUND

In 2023, the City reorganized and reformatted the zoning code, with the goal to be more user friendly for residents, contractors, developers, and staff, while simplifying navigation and reducing confusion for the user.

In the use of the code over the last year, staff identified errors in the final ordinance; typographical errors, misapplied labels, and inadvertent deletion of words or sentences. Additionally, city staff reviewed the existing definitions scattered throughout the zoning chapter, and consolidated them in one location as appropriate for clarity and ease of use.

This amendment does not represent a shift in policy. The attached draft ordinance, reviewed by the City Attorney, provides further detail of the changes.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the draft ordinance as presented.