

EUGENE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY



Action: An Ordinance Concerning Land Use Code Maintenance and Amending Sections 9.0500, 9.1060, 9.2160, 9.2740, 9.3115, 9.3210, 9.3310, 9.3510, 9.3810, 9.3910, 9.4260, 9.5200, 9.6105, 9.6410, 9.6610, 9.7315, 9.7335, 9.7415, 9.7455, 9.7505, 9.7520, 9.7560, 9.7655, 9.8400, 9.8405, and 9.8855 of the Eugene Code, 1971 (City File CA 15-2)

Meeting Date: July 27, 2015
Department: Planning & Development
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Agenda Item Number: 4
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ISSUE STATEMENT

The City Council is asked take action on land use code amendments related to maintenance of the code.

BACKGROUND

In recognition of the need to regularly improve the land use code, one of the strategies in Envision Eugene under Pillar 7 (Provide for adaptable, flexible and collaborative implementation) calls for the City to continually evaluate and regularly adjust regulations through a collaborative, ongoing code improvement program. The goal of this strategy is to create an ongoing program to improve the land use code through a collaborative process. Amendments are intended to range from discrete legal or corrective revisions that improve the administration of the code to broader or more comprehensive changes to ensure that regulations remain in alignment with the community's vision described in Envision Eugene.

As a pilot to the code improvement program, earlier this year, the City Council initiated land use code amendments that focus on code maintenance. This set includes a small number of discrete amendments that address corrective or legal issues which, if left unaddressed, pose a challenge in the administration of the land use code. To ensure that the code maintenance amendments remain manageable within existing resources, the amendments do not address policy issues or topics associated with other Planning Division work program items.

Corrective amendments are intended to fix errors or conflicts by removing obsolete language, adding language that was inadvertently omitted, or correcting code references without changing policy or intent. Legal amendments respond to changes in state law (such as revisions to Oregon Revised Statutes) to remove conflicts between provisions in the code and newer state regulations.

A summary of the amendments is provided in Attachment A, and the proposed ordinance is provided as Attachment B.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 2, 2015, to consider the amendments. No testimony regarding the amendments was provided at, or prior to, the public hearing. Immediately following the hearing, the Planning Commission voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend approval of the land use code amendments as proposed. The City Council held a public hearing on July 13, 2015, to consider the amendments. At the public hearing, one person spoke in support of the amendments and specifically for the correction to the Downtown and West University Automobile Parking Exempt Areas map.

A complete set of record materials are available for review on line at www.eugene-or.gov/codeamendments.

RELATED CITY POLICIES

Findings addressing consistency with related City policies, including provisions of the Metro Plan, are included as an exhibit to the proposed ordinance (Exhibit B of Attachment B).

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. Approve the ordinance
2. Approve the ordinance with specific modifications as determined by the City Council
3. Deny the ordinance

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends approval of the ordinance as provided in Attachment B.

SUGGESTED MOTION

Move to approve the ordinance as provided in Attachment B.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Summary of Code Maintenance Amendments
- B. Draft Ordinance

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