

**Summary of Planning Commission Recommendation
Single Family Code Amendments
October 21, 2013**

The Planning Commission voted unanimously (7 to 0) to recommend approval of the Single Family Code Amendments, with the following modifications:

Secondary Dwelling Units

- Building Size: Change primary residence to principal residence *[General agreement, no vote taken]*
- Ownership/Occupancy: Use majority ownership instead of percentage when determining ownership *[General agreement, no vote taken]*
- Minimum Wall Length: Modify to require a 2 foot deep by 5 foot wide minimum articulation on walls over 25 feet in length. Full height is intended to mean from floor to ceiling (allowing for cantilever floor joists). *[Straw vote 6-0-1 with Steve Baker indicating he was neutral]*

Alley Access Lots

- Distance from Street/Fire Access: Clarify distance requirement for lot and modify to require sprinklers in dwelling if any portion of house is beyond 150 feet of alley/street intersection *[Straw vote 7 to 0]*
- Lot Standards: Establish maximum lot size for new alley access lot size as 5,000 square feet *[General agreement, no vote taken]*
- Development Standards: Allow windows, dormers and balconies on second story of alley lot dwelling on any non-alley facing property line only with the written approval of the affected adjacent property owner, in lieu of requiring an adjustment review. *[Straw vote 7 to 0]*

Accessory Buildings

- Building size/setbacks: For lots 13,500 square feet or less in area, limit the total square footage of all accessory buildings to 1000 square feet. For lots greater than 13,500 square feet to 43,560 square feet, limit the total square footage of all accessory buildings to 10 percent of the lot area, not to exceed 3,000 square feet, and require 10 foot setback and 10:12 roof pitch. For lots greater than 43,600 square feet (one acre) in size, no limit on square footage of accessory buildings, but require 10 foot setback and 10:12 roof pitch. *[Straw vote 7 to 0]*

University Area Interim Protection Measures

- Timing/Sunset: Establish sunset date that interim measures would remain in effect for 42 months after the date of adoption. *[Straw vote 7 to 0]*
- Bedroom Count: Support 3 bedroom limit for new dwellings/remodels, with following exception: For any remodel that adds a bedroom or bedrooms beyond 3 bedrooms, the maximum number of unrelated individuals living in dwelling would be limited to 3 (instead of 5) as long as interim protection measures are in effect, and property owner would be required to record deed restriction stating such. *[Straw vote 7 to 0]*
- Occupancy: Add provision to require property owner to provide city with copy of current lease(s) or rental agreement(s) as a means of verifying occupancy (add as city wide provision) *[Straw vote 6 to 0]*
- Secondary Dwelling Units: Add development standards (see Exhibit 1 for draft development standards) to allow for secondary dwellings during the interim, subject to the 42 month sunset date. *[Straw vote 6 to 1 with John Jaworski voting in opposition due to preference for shorter sunset date.]*

Other Deliberation Topics

The Planning Commission discussed additional topics during their deliberations. However, the motions related to these topics did not pass, and as such are not included in their recommendation.

Secondary Dwelling Units

- Limit occupancy to 3 to 4 people and limit to 2 bedrooms *[general agreement to not add occupancy limit and to leave proposed bedroom limit]*
- Increase minimum lot size for detached secondary dwellings from 6,000 square feet to 6,225 square feet *[Straw vote 2 to 5 with Steve Baker and John Jaworski voting in favor. Those in favor indicated consistency with density requirements and concerns about compatibility, while those in opposition noted that new standards will improve compatibility, the interim standards will address pressures around the university, and satisfaction that existing requirement is consistent with density.]*

Alley Access Lots

- Lot Standards: Increase proposed minimum lot size from 2,250 to 3,600 square feet *[Straw vote 3 to 4 with Steve Baker, John Barofsky and John Jaworski voting in favor. Those in favor mentioned concerns about lot coverage, compatibility and density, while those in opposition noted that the proposed development standards, including building size and paving limitations would limit lot coverage, and that the advisory committee looked at these issues extensively.]*
- Setbacks: Increase building setbacks from 5 feet to 10 feet from the two property lines perpendicular to alley *[Straw vote 3 to 4 with Steve Baker, John Barofsky and John Jaworski voting in favor. Those in favor indicated concerns about privacy, compatibility and transition, and noted that Portland requires 10 foot setbacks. Those in opposition noted that the proposed 5 foot setback works with the proposed sloped setbacks and other development standards to ensure compatibility, and that changing one standard in isolation may result in unintended consequences, including more two story buildings.]*

University Area Interim Protection Measures

- Sunset date: Set a date certain of July 31, 2017 for interim measures to automatically sunset *[Straw vote 3 to 4 with Steve Baker, Rick Duncan and John Jaworski voting in favor. Those in favor expressed support for certainty and specificity, while those in opposition noted that if the timing of the ordinance adoption changes or if the effective date changes, then the 42 month timeline provides more flexibility.]*