

Planning Commission Item

September 16, 2025



Item	Accessory Structure Ordinance Discussion	
File No.		Item No: F.1
Agenda Section	<u>ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATIONS</u>	
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Present Zoning		
Land Use		
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Density		
Applicable Regulations		

SUGGESTED ACTION

No formal action; general information only.

SUMMARY

The City Council will discuss possible amendments to the ordinances related to accessory structures at their work session meeting on September 22. A public hearing on a proposed ordinance amendment could be held at the October 7 Planning Commission meeting.

Buildings defined as "Agricultural Buildings" as outlined by state statute are exempt from building permit requirements, but that exemption does not apply to local zoning ordinance requirements. Currently, the city's ordinances limit the total square footage of all accessory structures to 1,000 square feet for all residential zoning districts, including the agricultural district. A draft ordinance would exempt an "Agricultural Building" located on a property zoned for Agricultural Use from the 1,000

square foot maximum, but would still require adherence to all other applicable standards, including but not limited to, minimum setbacks, building height and impervious lot cover.

The City Council was generally supportive of such an exemption based on discussion at their September 8 work session meeting.

The City Council requested that this item be brought back to their September 22 work session meeting to review whether any additional ordinance amendments that would revise accessory structure limitations more broadly may be supported.

Staff is seeking general questions that the Planning Commission may have regarding possible accessory structure ordinance revisions in advance of a potential public hearing on October 7 and a request for a formal Planning Commission recommendation.

BACKGROUND

DISCUSSION

RECOMMENDATION

No formal recommendation; discussion only.

ATTACHMENTS

[Accessory Structure Ordinance ReOrganization and Ag Structure Exemption](#)