# City Council Item

September 22, 2025

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| **Item** | Accessory Structure Ordinance Discussion | |
| **File No.** | | **Item No:** A.3 |
| **Agenda Section** | **5:30 P.M. - WORK SESSION** | |
| **Prepared By** | Eric Maass, Community Development Director | |
| **Reviewed By** | Laurie Hokkanen | |

**SUGGESTED ACTION**

No formal action; discussion only.

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| **Motion Type** | N/A |
| **Strategic Priority** | Development & Redevelopment |

## SUMMARY

This discussion continues the one held on September 8. Since then, staff have researched similar cities for their regulations regarding the square footage of accessory building space allowed on residential properties. That comparison table has been attached for reference. Staff will have graphic examples to support the work session discussion.

## BACKGROUND

The city has received a request for an additional agricultural building on land actively used for farming. While the cold storage agricultural building would be exempt from a building permit, it does require a zoning permit and, therefore, compliance with the city's zoning code.

Currently, the city code limits the accessory structure space on all residential properties to a total of 1,000 square feet. Staff has prepared a draft ordinance that would allow properties that are zoned Agricultural (A2) and that desire an Agricultural building to be exempt from the total square footage limitation. These buildings would still be required to adhere to applicable standards, including

minimum setbacks and impervious lot cover.

**DISCUSSION**

**BUDGET**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**ATTACHMENTS**

City Zoning Map
Accessory Structure Ordinance Reorganization and Ag Structure Exemption
Community Comparison - Accessory Structure Ordinance Research