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Request for Council Action

DATE: 4/2/2024

SUBJECT: #8.8 Approve Amendment to C-2 Yard Setback Requirements. City Code 152.095.4C

RECOMMENDATION: It is respectfully requested that the Council consider the following Planning Commission recommendation:

MOTION TO: Approve An amendment to City Code Chapter 152.095, Performance standards in zoning districts, Subsection (4) (C) General Business District (C-2) Yard Requirements.

All Signs, except directional and temporary signs, shall be subject to the same setback and yard requirements as all other permitted accessory uses. In the case of a corner lot, all signs, except directional and temporary signs, shall abide by the front yard setback for both sides abutting a public street. All directional, temporary, and freestanding signs shall set back a minimum of six feet from the lot line, road right of way, or where adjacent to a frontage street, six feet from the interior edge of the frontage street, whichever distance is further.

And adopting by reference City Code Chapter 10, which, among other things, contain penalty provisions.

BACKGROUND: The previous City Planner, Mark Borseth, left a list of things he felt the Planning & Zoning Commission should address in current City Ordinances, one of these being to clarify the sign setback distance along frontage roads as currently they could be measured from either the lot line, or the interior edge of the frontage street. The proposed change will clarify and standardize this setback. A Public Hearing was held on March 12, 2024, at the Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting and recommended to Council for Approval. A First Reading was held at the March 19, 2024 City Council meeting and a second reading at the April 2, 2024 City Council meeting.

KEY ISSUES: The proposed changes are the addition of the words “road right of way” to line five (5) and the words “whichever distance is further” was added to line 6 of the revised recommended ordinance proposed above.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

LEGAL CONSIDERATION:

DEPARTMENT/RESPONSIBLE PERSON: Richard Baker, Economic/Community Development Director

ATTACHMENTS:

None