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City Council

Approval of an Ordinance Amending Multiple Chapters of the Unified Development Code

Agenda Date: 10/15/2019

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Type: ordinance **Version:** 2 **Status:** Passed

Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendments on May 6, 2019. The Commission recommends the City Council approve the proposed amendments.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the ordinance making housekeeping/minor text amendments to Title 18 OMC, Unified Development Code, on second reading.

Report

Issue:

Whether to approve housekeeping/minor text amendments to Title 18 OMC, Unified Development Code.

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

Background and analysis has not changed from first to second reading.

Over time, desired changes to the code are noted. These may be to correct typographical errors or references to other code sections, places where someone in the public or staff have asked for more clarification about how a word or sentence is meant to apply, or sections or chapters that should be updated for a wide variety of reasons. These proposed amendments are meant to address these requests to update the code that are minor in nature.

Other amendments that were proposed, if they were not deemed to be minor or of a "housekeeping" nature, are not included in this proposal and will be dealt with at a later date, through a more robust

review and amendment process.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendments on May 6, 2019. Upon concluding its deliberations, the Commission recommended the City Council approve the proposed amendments before the City Council in the attached ordinance. Revisions to the Public Notice chapter, 18.78 OMC, which were proposed but are not included in the Commission's recommendation due to concerns raised at the public hearing, are not included in the proposed ordinance under consideration currently.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Proposed amendments were routed to Recognized Neighborhood Associations, other city departments, adjacent jurisdictions, and state agencies. There were twelve recommended amendments. One set of the amendments addressed the public notice requirements. Concerns were raised about the public notice amendments, so those code revisions were not included in the Planning Commission's recommendations for approval. The proposed public notice revisions are not included in this ordinance (see attached). The public notice amendments may come forward at a later date, after a more robust public process is developed.

Options:

1. Approve the housekeeping/minor amendments to various chapters of Title 18, Unified Development Code, OMC, as proposed.
2. Approve some of the housekeeping/minor amendments proposed but not others.
3. Do not adopt the housekeeping/minor amendments to multiple chapters of Title 18, Unified Development Code, OMC.

Financial Impact:

None. These proposed amendments were processed as part of the Department's base budget.

Attachments:

Ordinance