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LARAMIE PLANNING COMMISSION November 27, 2023 STAFF REPORT

FILE: TA-23-08 Amendments to Title 15.08.030.E.2.c, Downtown Commercial (DC) District, Development Standards

REQUEST: Amendments to Title 15.08.030.E.2.C of Laramie Municipal Code, Unified Development Code

APPLICANT: City of Laramie

PURPOSE: To make changes to the UDC outlining exemptions to properties within the Downtown Commercial (DC) Zoning District from Trash and Disposal Enclosure Requirements of UDC section 15.14.050.I.

PREPARED BY: Joseph Shahidi, Associate Planner

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to recommend that the City Council **approve** amendments to Title 15.08.030.E.2.c of the Laramie Municipal Code, based on findings of fact and conclusions of law and as recommended by staff.

APPLICABLE CODE SECTION(S):

Text Amendments must be reviewed by the Planning Commission and City Council. Planning Commission action is forwarded to the City Council as a recommendation.

- Laramie Municipal Code Title 15, Unified Development Code
- Wyoming State Statutes Title 15 Cities and Towns, Article 5 Planning
- Wyoming State Statutes Title 15 Cities and Towns, Article 6 Zoning
- Laramie Comprehensive Plan

BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY:

The City of Laramie City Council is initiating this amendment as part of an ongoing effort to maintain the accuracy of the Unified Development Code (UDC), address concerns, and eliminate potential sources of confusion. The proposed amendments specifically target issues and concerns arising from the modifications to Title 15.14.050.I, focusing on Off-Street Utility, Dumpster, Recycling, Trash Handling, and Recycling Facilities. On October 3, 2023, the City approved changes to section 15.14.050.I, altering the design standards for trash enclosures with the aim of ensuring that the City's Solid Waste Division can effectively service all properties.

It's important to note that these amendments do not alter conformity triggers or the ability for property owners to choose their preferred trash pickup service provider. However, concerns about the conformity of this code section with downtown properties were raised during the City Council

meetings on September 19 and October 3. Consequently, the City Council requested the Planning Division to draft a Text Amendment that exempts properties using alleys to store their disposal containers from the revised regulations.

The amendments to title 15.08.030.E.2.c (ii) read as follows:

(ii) Trash and Disposal Enclosures

- (1) Buildings located within the Downtown Commercial (DC) zoning district may be exempted from the trash enclosure requirements outlined in UDC section 15.14.050.I.2.c, per the City Manager's Office or their designee if all the following property conditions are met:
 - (a) The property uses the alley for storage and pickup for trash enclosures
 - (b) The building has zero lot line setbacks on all sides
 - (c) Dumpsters and lid are constructed of metal
 - (d) Dumpster placement is adjacent to a noncombustible siding material (i.e. masonry, metal, etc.)
 - (e) Meets requirements of the IFC for Combustible Waste Material

Copies of all prior ordinances amending LMC Title 15 (Unified Development Code) are available online at www.cityoflaramie.org/ordinances.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

This amendment was legally advertised in the Laramie Boomerang on November 11, 2023. Staff has received no comments regarding this proposed Text Amendment.

FINDINGS OF FACT:

The amendment is found to be in accordance with substantive and procedural requirements and necessities in City of Laramie code and best planning practice.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:

The amendment is proceeding in accordance with applicable law, including LMC Title 15.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Move to recommend that the City Council **approve** amendments to Title 15.08.030.E.2.c of the Laramie Municipal Code, based on findings of fact and conclusions of law, as recommended by staff.