



Agenda Item Summary Sheet

Item No: **E-8**
Meeting Date: **January 3, 2024**

Item Title: Request for Public Hearing to consider text amendments to various sections of the Unified Development Ordinance as it pertains to Multi-Family Dwelling Development

Item Summary:

In January of 2023 the Board of Commissioners adopted an ordinance removing multi-family as a permitted use within the C-2, General Commercial zoning district. This text amendment came about when staff, the Planning Board, and the Board of Commissioners were in the process of evaluating appropriate use standards for the C-5 Historic Character Commercial zoning district and determined that multi-family was not an appropriate use in that district, and in addition became aware of several other issues and inconsistencies within the existing ordinance. The Board then requested that staff and the Planning Board work to propose adequate corrections/clarifications as well as undertake a comprehensive review of multi-family standards. As such, planning staff began working with the Planning Board at their May 2023 meeting to complete a thorough review and identify issues and inconsistencies with the current multi-family language. Following eight (8) consecutive months/meetings of discussion, the Planning Board has prepared a comprehensive set of draft text amendments for the Board of Commissioners review and consideration. These amendments include but are not limited to:

- Allow multi-family development in the C-2, General Commercial zoning district on properties with frontage on US Hwy 158 only.
- All new multi-family development shall be deed restricted to long-term tenancy/occupancy and a portion will additionally be deed restricted for workforce housing.
- Create standards and regulations for "small" multi-family developments and "large" multi-family developments. These include minimum lot sizes, setbacks, density, maximum number of units, lot coverage, height, buffering, architectural design, etc.
- Design considerations such that large multi-family developments shall consist of townhouse style development only and small multi-family developments may consist of both townhouse and apartment style design.
- Create definitions for the following terms, "Dwelling, Multiple Family (Multi-family)", "Townhouse", "Large Multi-family", "Small Multi-family", "Long-term occupancy/tenancy", "Principal Place of Residence", "Qualified Person", and "Workforce Housing".

Planning Board Recommendation

At their December 19, 2023, meeting the Planning Board voted unanimously to move forward the proposed text amendments for the Board of Commissioners review and consideration.

Number of Attachments: 0

Specific Action Requested:

Schedule the Public Hearing for the February 7, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting.

Submitted By: Planning and Development Date: December 28, 2023

Finance Officer Comment: N/A

Signature: Amy Miller Date: December 28, 2023

Town Attorney Comment: N/A

Signature: John Leidy Date: December 28, 2023

Town Manager Comment and/or Recommendation: N/A

Signature: Andy Garman Date: December 28, 2023