



Legislation Text

File #: 2022-2542, Version: 1

Public Hearing: YES NO

Department: Planning & Sustainability

SUBJECT:

COMMISSION DISTRICT(S): All Districts

Application of the Director of Planning & Sustainability for a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27, Section 2.24.1, Table 2.2 (Non-Residential Zoning Districts Dimensional Requirements) to reduce or eliminate the minimum multi-family unit size in the O-I (Office Institutional) Zoning District. This text amendment is County-wide..

PETITION NO: N11-2022-2542 TA-23-1246147

PROPOSED USE: To reduce/eliminate the minimum multi-family unit size in the O-I zoning district.

LOCATION: N/A

PARCEL NO. : N/A

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PURPOSE:

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RECOMMENDATION:

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: CC-1: Denial; CC-2: Full Cycle Deferral; CC-3: Deferral; CC-4: Approval; CC-5: Full Cycle Deferral.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Approval.

PLANNING STAFF: Approval.

STAFF ANALYSIS: The proposal grants a limited exception to the multi-family minimum dwelling unit requirement (1,000sf) for the conversion of existing high-rise structures in existing O-I (Office-Institutional) zoning districts to multi-family developments. A minimum 400 square foot unit size would incentivize construction of efficiency/studio apartment units, which currently is cost prohibitive at the required 1,000 square foot threshold. Acceptance of this text amendment would permit reuse of existing structures and developed sites, introduce additional multi-family dwelling units into the housing supply, contribute to diversity

of housing choices, channel residential density to designated activity centers and employment nodes. Staff recommends “Approval”.

PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE: Approval 9-0-0. Jan Costello moved, Deanna Murphy seconded for Approval, per Staff recommendation.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL VOTE/RECOMMENDATION: CC-1: Denial 8-1-0; CC-2: Full Cycle Deferral 7-0-0. To allow staff to draft a new minimum square footage number; **CC-3: Deferral 9-0-0.** The Board did not think it was appropriate to totally eliminate the minimum unit size for apartments. They recommended full cycle deferral to allow the Planning Department to research what would be an appropriate minimum unit size for studio apartments and then allow the community council to review that information at the next Community Council meeting; **CC-4: Approval 8-0-0; CC-5: Full Cycle Deferral 4-2-0.**