



Item: Vacate public hearing for Ordinance 3086 amending Title 12 and Ordinance 3087 amending Title 17 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls

From: Mike Haynes, AICP, Planning and Community Development Director

Initiated By: Planning and Community Development Department

Presented By: Mike Haynes, AICP, Planning and Community Development Director

Action Requested: City Commission vacate public hearing on Ordinance 3086 and 3087 scheduled for June 5, 2012 and reschedule to June 19, 2012.

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission vacate the public hearing on Ordinance 3086 and 3087 scheduled for June 5, 2012 and reschedule the public hearing for June 19, 2012.”

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public and calls for the vote.

Recommendation: The Zoning Commission has recommended the City Commission adopt Ordinance 3086 amending Title 12, and Ordinance 3087 amending Title 17 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls. Staff recommends the City Commission reschedule the Public Hearing for Ordinance 3086 and 3087.

Background: Ordinance 3086 and 3087 were accepted by the City Commission on first reading on May 15, 2012. A Public Hearing was set for June 5, 2012. Publication of the Notice required in conjunction with the hearing did not occur. Therefore, it is necessary to reschedule the hearing on Ordinance 3086 and 3087 to June 19, 2012. The Notice for this revised hearing date will be published June 3, 2012.

The Official Code of the City of Great Falls is a set of requirements, standards and guidelines to help govern the City of Great Falls. The Code is revised and refined over time to address changing conditions and issues that arise in the course of day-to-day activities. The Great Falls Zoning Commission held a public hearing and approved the proposed amendments to Title 17, the Land Development Code, on Tuesday, April 10, 2012. Proposed amendments are to Title 12 and Title 17 related to the following:

- Title 12, to bring the OCCGF up to date with the Americans with Disabilities Act features. Also, minor changes are proposed to the list of snow routes to account for recent growth and to make minor corrections. Other changes will make Title 12 better aligned with Title 17, which was approved in 2005. A few typographical and technical corrections are also recommended.
- Title 17, Chapter 20, related to private garages/accessory bonus space and an overlay district within the C-5 zoning district;
- Title 17, Chapter 32, related to driveway access;
- Title 17, Chapter 36, related to parking requirements; and,
- Other minor housekeeping items in Title 17

Concurrences: Representatives from the City's Public Works department have been notified of the delay in City Commission action.

Fiscal Impact: There is no direct financial impact from rescheduling the public hearing and there is no direct financial impact from adopting Ordinance 3086 and 3087, but it is expected that these homeowner- and business-friendly code amendments will have a positive impact on growth and development within the city.

Alternatives: The City Commission could not reschedule the public hearing and not hold the public hearing.

Attachments/Exhibits: None

Cc:

Jim Rearden, Public Works Director

Dave Dobbs, City Engineer

Patty Cadwell, Neighborhood and Youth Council Coordinator