

# City of Stayton

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Chairperson Ralph Lewis and Planning Commission Members  
**FROM:** Dan Fleishman, Director of Planning and Development  
**DATE:** March 25, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Proposed Code Amendments regarding Fences in Commercial and Downtown Zone

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### ISSUE

The issue before the Planning Commission is a public hearing on proposed Code amendments to allow fences in the front yards within Commercial and Downtown zones.

The proposed amendments to the Land Use and Development Code are attached on the following pages. The Code currently prohibits fences in the front yards of properties in the Commercial and Downtown Zones. The proposed amendment establishes standards under which fences would be permitted in the front yard in these zones. Fences would be limited to 42 inches in height, must be made of wrought iron or tubular steel or aluminum, have narrow vertical members no less than 4 inches apart and be painted black.

### RECOMMENDATION

The staff recommends the Planning Commission forward the proposed Code amendment to the City Council with a recommendation for approval. A draft order doing so is presented to the Planning Commission. There may be changes to the draft order necessary depending on the testimony at the public hearing.

### OPTIONS AND SUGGESTED MOTIONS

**1. Close the hearing and forward the proposed amendments to the City Council for adoption.**

I move to adopt the draft order prepared by staff and forward the proposed amendments to the City Council with a recommendation for adoption

**2. Close the hearing, make changes to the proposed amendments and forward to the City Council for adoption.**

I move to adopt the draft order prepared by staff, direct staff to make the following changes in the proposed amendments and forward the proposed amendments to the City Council with a recommendation for adoption (list changes).

**3. Close the hearing, choose to not forward the amendments to the City Council.**

I move to not forward the proposed amendments to the City Council.