

Planning Commission Agenda Item

Meeting Date: 9/9/2025

From: Josh White, Principal Planner

Item: Front Yard carports Amendments discussion

Purpose: Front yard carports Amendments discussion

Background:

Due to the hailstorm that affected much of the community on June 17, 2025, there have been increased requests for carports to help protect cars from future storms. In some neighborhoods, the only feasible location for a carport is in the front yard. Our current regulations would not allow the placement of a carport in the front yard as it would violate the front yard setback. Staff propose creating a special exception with administrative approval for areas that do not have rear alley access. All areas with rear alley access would still be required to conform to the current regulations. Carports can be placed on the side of houses but would still be required to meet the standard side yard setback. In most areas of the city, this would require all carports and other accessory structures to be placed on the rear half of the lot.

Staff will discuss proposed amendments and gather feedback. There is a potential variance request for this likely at the October meeting.

Action:

Discuss the proposed amendments and set a public hearing

Attachments:

Proposed Amendments