

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 1725

BEING AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 9 OF THE COLUMBIA HEIGHTS CITY CODE TO AMEND THE LAND USE CODE REGULATING PLACES OF WORSHIP, NONCONFORMITIES, MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLINGS ABOVE FIRST FLOOR COMMERCIAL, AND TOBACCO PRODUCT SHOPS

The City Council for the City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota adopted Ordinance No. 1725 on April 13, 2026.

The purpose of this ordinance is to update several provisions of the City Code related to Places of Worship to allow them in commercial districts with a conditional use permit when meeting specific development standards. Second, it allows the replacement of nonconforming structures that do not increase the nonconformity of the original structure. Third, it allows both single and multiple-family dwellings in the Central Business District when above commercial and clarifies that the commercial must be on street level. Finally, the ordinance updates references of smoke shops to tobacco product shops and adds the definition and use of accessory tobacco retailers to the code, a use that previously existed but was not defined. The ordinance also updates the specific development standards for tobacco product shops to reflect the latest city tobacco ordinance.

This is a summary of Ordinance No. 1725. A copy of the entire text of the Ordinance is available for public inspection during regular office hours at City Hall, by standard or electronic mail, or at www.columbiaheightsmn.gov

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Attest:

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