

**SUBMITTED BY:** William D. Osborne, AICP, City Planner

**MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW:** Xenia Gonzalez, Neighborhood Services & Grants Director, Luis Pedroza, Deputy City Manager

**FOCUS AREA:** Strengthen Trade and Commerce

**ORGANIZATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS:** Provides housing opportunities.

**SUBJECT:** **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-1166**, an Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, **ADOPTING** “2023 **AMENDMENTS** to the **DOUGLAS ZONING CODE** and chapter 2.32” by reference to amend certain provisions to the update of rules and regulations to zoning within the City of Douglas and amending certain provisions of Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 of Title 17, of the Douglas Zoning Code, and amending chapter 2.32 of the Douglas Municipal Code relating to the Planning and Zoning Commission; establishing severability of components of Ordinance; and establishing an effective date thereof.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Planning and Zoning Commission met on March 21, 2023, and recommended to the City Council to approve the proposed amendments of the Zoning Code (ZCA-2023-01) to correct omissions and errors in numeration, spelling, and recognize practical organizational changes and authorities, improve definitions of minor decisions and increase flexibility for and clarity of processes for administrative approvals and appeals. The Planning and Zoning Commission also recommended to the City Council to amend Article 17.05 to create Innovative Community (IC) Overlay Zoning District regulations (ZCA-2023-03).

**BACKGROUND:**

Amending the Zoning Code Text to correct, organize, and facilitate notification and decision-making processes consistent with Arizona Revised Statutes, and to potentially support investment in areas currently with zoning regulations that prohibit current uses and require infeasible development standards for many small-sized parcels. The current conventional suburban requirements are inconsistent with General Plan policies.

**DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATION:**

The proposed Zoning Code Text amendment is consistent with General Plan goals, objectives and policies. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 23-1166.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**Fiscal Year:** 2022/2023

**Amount Requested:** \$

**Budgeted:** Y / N

**Account (s):**

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