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Memorandum 19-140

TO: MAYOR CASTNER AND HOMER CITY COUNCIL
THROUGH: KATIE KOESTER, CITY MANAGER
FROM: RICK ABBOUD AICP, CITY PLANNER
DATE: OCTOBER 10, 2019
SUBJECT: BOATS SALES, RENTALS, SERVICE, REPAIR AND STORAGE, AND BOAT
MANUFACTURING IN THE MARINE INDUSTRIAL (MI) DISTRICT

It has come the attention of the Planning Commission that the current allowance for boating related activities as a conditional use Homer City Code in the MI District unreasonably limits traditional activities. The Commission proposes to allow boating activities in the MI District as a permitted use.

Currently permitted activities (those that do not require a CUP) in the MI District include marine equipment sales, rentals, service, repair and storage, while boats sales, rentals, service, repair and storage, and boat manufacturing are a conditional uses.

The Planning Office and Commission feel that the code is inconsistent as boat uses are a subset of marine equipment yet they are held to an additional level of permitting. In order to facilitate a more assured and less cumbersome permitting process, we are proposing that boating uses in the MI district be moved from conditionally permitted uses to permitted uses.

After being a subject of a meeting of the Planning Commission, the item was referred to the Port and Harbor Commission, who expressed support for the item, and then the Commission held a public hearing at the October 2, 2019 meeting and approved a motion with unanimous consent to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the proposed ordinance.

Attachments:

Planning Department review

Ordinance

Staff reports and corresponding meeting minutes

