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Department

To: Legislative Committee
From: Tim Greenwood, City Attorney
Date: December 16, 2025
Re: Accessory Vehicle Storage Ordinance 17.32(3)(c)(2)

Background information:

From discussions with our Code Enforcement Officer, there has been an increasing number of accessory vehicles attempted to be stored in side or rear yards. From our Code Enforcement Officer's research into nearby municipalities, many do allow for storage of accessory vehicles in rear or side yards with certain restrictions on setbacks, screenings, or other required improvements.

If the City did consider making a revision to storage of accessory vehicles we should look at: defining what "storage" means, including the duration, setbacks, that they are not stored in easements, how many would be allowed, whether a screen or other visibility barrier is required, what kinds of vehicles does this apply to, among other potential restrictions.

Currently, vehicles can be stored in the side yard, but only if there is a driveway extension.

Strategic Plan:

A change could align with the City's perspective on recreation and a changing local culture that seems to be moving toward allowing this type of storage.

Budget: N/A

Staff Recommended Action:

This is presented purely for discussion purposes and if the Committee would want to have resources within the City pursue what changes could look like if it wants to consider allowing accessory vehicles in the side/rear yards.