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TO: Mayor & City Council
FROM: Mike Greene – City Administrator
DATE: January 6, 2025
RE: Special Meeting – Discussion Items

Short-Term & Rental Ordinance Update

Over the past quarter, the City Council has discussed short-term rentals and regulations during Study Sessions. At a recent Study Session, the City Council began providing feedback to our City Attorney on what they would like to see in the Lathrup Village Short Term Rental ordinance, if adopted. The purpose of this discussion is to continue soliciting feedback from the City Council and to see if changes in the City’s current rental ordinance need to be modified so there is no contradictory information throughout.

Enclosed in the packet is the City’s current rental ordinance, Wolverine Lake short term rental ordinance, and Ferndale’s short term rental ordinance.

27700 Southfield Road – Historic District Commission Decision Appeal

On December 12th, 2024, the LV Historic District Commission (HDC) met to review the HDC application for 27700 Southfield Road – Annie Lathrup School Partial Demolition & Rehabilitation plans. After a lengthy discussion, the HDC voted to approve the project proposal but did not approve the project plans. In summary, the majority of the HDC members found that the plan submitted adversely affected certain criteria contained in the City’s Historical Preservation Ordinance, to wit: the relationship and compatibility of the exterior architectural features of the structure to the rest of the structure, mainly related to the size, scale, and location of the proposed new construction.

Based on the rejection of the plans, the applicant had two options:

- HDC Ordinance Section 40-29 (f): “the applicant may submit revised, amended, or new plans for the commission’s review and approval.”
- HDC Ordinance Section 40-35 (a): Administrative appeal to city council. An applicant aggrieved by a decision of the commission concerning a permit application shall have the right to appeal the decision to the city council provided the appeal is requested in writing and presented to the city clerk within 21 days after the meeting in which the final decision of the commission was rendered. The city council shall consider the appeal within 30 days of its filing.

On December 19th, 2024, the Surnow Company submitted a written appeal request, requesting their appeal to be placed on the January 27th, 2025, City Council meeting agenda.

The purpose of this discussion is to gather initial feedback from the appeal request and to see if there is additional information the City Council is seeking from the Surnow Company before a formal vote takes place during the January 27th City Council meeting.

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