



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 1, 2022
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Ordinance Amending Chapter 62 of the City Code establishing Sec. 62.11 - Access Management (Driveway Ordinance).
Background Information:	<p>City staff is proposing to establish a set of driveway regulations that more explicitly describes the requirements and limitations for driveways in various land uses. The proposed ordinance would apply to new properties or applications for modifying existing driveways. Applications to replace driveways, as they are currently, would be exempt from the requirements in the ordinance.</p> <p>The proposed ordinance describes the requirements for materials and geometrics (size, slope, etc.) for residential, commercial, and industrial-zoned properties. The ordinance also identifies an exemption process, should a property owner wish to install a driveway that does not conform to the requirements in the proposed ordinance.</p> <p>Staff believes that the proposed ordinance would provide clear direction to property owners regarding driveway installations. Limiting driveway width and spacing between driveways can improve safety by helping to reduce vehicle/pedestrian interaction area and by reducing and limiting street access/conflict points, help ensure good gutter drainage, reduce unnecessary storm water runoff, help ensure compliance with vegetative cover ordinance requirements, and help maintain character of a neighborhood. Establishment of driveway regulations are typical for many other communities in Minnesota. Staff can review requirements of other communities as needed.</p> <p>This item was presented to the Public Improvement/Transportation Committee at their meeting on January 25, 2022, with a recommendation from the Committee for approval of the driveway ordinance to the City Council.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	None.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions recommended.
Recommendation:	that the Council introduce the Ordinance Amending Chapter 62 of the City Code establishing Sec. 62.11 - Access Management (Driveway Ordinance) at their March 8, 2022 meeting and call for public hearing to be held March 22, 2022.