



**CITY OF MARSHALL  
AGENDA ITEM REPORT  
COUNCIL 7/8/25**

<b>Presenter:</b>	Ilya Gutman
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Tuesday, July 8, 2025
<b>Category:</b>	CONSENT AGENDA
<b>Type:</b>	ACTION
<b>Subject:</b>	Introduction of Ordinance amending Section 86-248 Outside Storage to clarify Commercial Display and Sales Lots Requirements
<b>Background Information:</b>	<p>Current ordinance requires that all sales and display lots are paved. Staff are proposing to change the ordinance to allow small equipment to be displayed on grass or other landscaped areas provided there is a paved surface (for example, parking or sidewalk) within 5 feet. The reason is that these kinds of sales lots are of much more limited utilization than car sales lots with significantly less traffic. On the other hand, maintaining an easy and accessible approach to display is still important.</p> <p>This ordinance change was a result of a current ordinance violation. The proposed change will allow distinguishing between high use display and sales areas, such as car sales lots, and low use display and sales areas such as lawn equipment sales. In effect, this change relaxes current paving requirements.</p> <p>At its May 27, 2025, meeting, the Legislation and Ordinance committee reviewed this change and recommended approval.</p> <p>The Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on June 11, 2025, and unanimously recommended approval with a change to include a requirement for maintenance.</p>
<b>Fiscal Impact:</b>	None
<b>Alternative/ Variations:</b>	None recommended
<b>Recommendations:</b>	Planning Commission and staff recommend that the City Council introduce the Ordinance amending Section 86-248 Outside Storage.