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PLANNING COMMISSION

To: Planning Commission

From: Alison Van Gorp, CPD Deputy Director

Date: February 17, 2021

RE: ZTR21-002 Goldbach II Code Amendment (CUP Applicability)

SUMMARY

The proposed code amendment amends MICC 19.06.110(A)(5), creating a new subsection (c) and adding clarity on the applicability of Conditional Use Permits (CUPs).

BACKGROUND

On January 20, 2021, the Planning Commission reviewed the proposed code amendment. Based on the staff recommendation, the Commission requested further revisions to the amendment to provide additional clarity and to remove ambiguity in the implementation of the amendment. The proposal for consideration at the February 17, 2021 meeting is has been revised to reflect this direction. This meeting will include a public hearing on the proposal, and then the Commission will have time for discussion and a recommendation.

The Mercer Island City Code specifies the following decision criteria for code amendments (MICC 19.15.250 (D)), which should be used to evaluate the proposed amendment:

Criteria. The <u>city</u> may approve or approve with modifications a proposal to amend this code only if:

- 1. The amendment is consistent with the comprehensive plan; and
- 2. The amendment bears a substantial relation to the public health, safety, or welfare; and
- 3. The amendment is in the best interest of the community as a whole.

City staff believe this proposal meets all three criteria and recommend adopted the revised code amendment.

NEXT STEPS

Hold the public hearing and receive public comment. After hearing public comments on the proposal, the Commission should make a recommendation to the City Council. The recommendation will be transmitted to City Council for review (likely in April).

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed amendment to MICC 19.06.110(A)(5)