

MEMO



To: Planning Commission

From: Aspen Stevenson, Planner

Date: March 25, 2025

RE: **Code Amendment To Reduce the Minimum Building Size For The MSC Zone**

After selecting five Moderate Income Housing Strategies for 2025, it is proposed that the Planning Commission and City Council amend Santaquin City Code Title 10 Chapter 20 Section 190 to reduce the minimum building size in the Main Street Commercial Area (MSC) in the Main Street Business Districts Zone. The proposed code amendment will satisfy Strategy 3 (Z) which is referenced below.

Strategy 3 (Z) Demonstrate implementation of any other program or strategy to address the housing needs of residents of the municipality who earn less than 80% of the area median income, including the dedication of a local funding source to moderate income housing or the adoption of a land use ordinance that requires 10% or more of new residential development in a residential zone be dedicated to moderate income housing.

Implementation Plan – Santaquin City will consider modifying zoning regulations to reduce the minimum square footage requirements for various residential unit sizes in the Main Street Commercial (MSC) Area in the Main Street Business Districts (MSBD) zone.

Benchmarks and Timeline – A legislative process will be initiated by June 1, 2025. Possible action will be implemented before August 1, 2025.

The attached draft ordinance has the proposed code amendment. The Planning Commission's responsibility is to hold a public hearing and forward a recommendation to the City Council.

Motion: "Motion to recommend (approval/denial) of the proposed code amendment, which reduces the minimum building size for the Area in the Main Street Business Districts Zone."

ORDINANCE NO. DRAFT

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SANTAQUIN CITY CODE TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM BUILDING SIZE IN THE MAIN STREET COMMERCIAL AREA (MSC) IN THE MAIN STREET BUSINESS DISTRICTS ZONE, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City of Santaquin is a fourth-class city of the state of Utah; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has specific authority pursuant to Title 10, Chapter 9a Utah Code Ann. (1953 as amended) to adopt a zoning plan including an ordinance and map which divide the municipality into districts or zones and within such districts to regulate the erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair and uses of buildings and structures and the uses of land; and

WHEREAS, the state legislature has granted general welfare power to the City Council, independent, apart from, and in addition to, its specific grants of legislative authority, which enables the city to pass ordinances which are reasonably and appropriately related to the objectives of that power, i.e. providing for the public safety, health, morals, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Santaquin City Code Title 10, Chapter 20, Section 190 to reduce the minimum building size in the Main Street Commercial Area in the Main Street Business Districts Zone; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby implements one of their strategies in the Moderate-Income Housing Plan, as required by Utah Code Annotated 10-9a-408, in order address the need for moderate income housing within Santaquin City; and

WHEREAS, the Santaquin City Planning Commission held a public hearing on March 25, 2025, which hearing was preceded by the posting of public notice in at least three public places within the City limits of Santaquin City; and

WHEREAS, after the noted public hearing, the Santaquin City Planning Commission forwarded a recommendation to the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Santaquin City, State of Utah, as follows:

Section I. Amendments

Title 10 Chapter 20 Section 190 is amended as follows: (underlined text is added, stricken text is deleted)

10.20.190 MAIN STREET BUSINESS DISTRICTS ZONE

K. Multi-Family Development Standards: The maximum density allowed for multi-family developments shall be conditioned upon the architectural design of the development and its

ability to meet the following zone standards. The following housing and open space and amenities standards shall also be applied to mixed use developments unless addressed in the general standards above.

1. Minimum Lot and Unit Size: ~~The minimum lot size for a multi-family development in the Main Street Residential (MSR) area shall be one (1) acre. The minimum density of a multi-family development shall be 8 units/acre. The maximum density of a multi-family development shall be 12 units/acre. The average minimum livable unit area shall be four hundred (400) square feet for a studio unit, six hundred fifty (650) square feet for a single bedroom unit, and eight hundred (800) square feet for a two (2) bedroom unit. No unit shall have less than ninety percent (90%) of the required average. Units with more than two (2) bedrooms shall provide an additional one hundred fifty (150) square feet per additional bedroom.~~
 - i. The minimum lot size for a multi-family development in the Main Street Residential (MSR) area shall be one (1) acre. The minimum density in the Main Street Residential (MSR) area shall be 8 units/acre, and the maximum density shall be 12 units/acre.
 - ii. The average minimum livable unit area in the Main Street Residential (MSR) and the Main Street Commercial (MSC) areas shall be four hundred (400) square feet for a studio unit, six hundred fifty (650) square feet for a single bedroom unit, and eight hundred (800) square feet for a two (2) bedroom unit. No unit shall have less than ninety percent (90%) of the required average. Units with more than two (2) bedrooms shall provide an additional one hundred fifty (150) square feet per additional bedroom.

Section II. Severability

If any part of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, for any reason, be adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance or the application thereof to other persons and circumstances, but shall be confined to its operation to the section, subdivision, sentence or part of the section and the persons and circumstances directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the City Council that this section would have been adopted if such invalid section, provisions, subdivision, sentence or part of a section or application had not been included.

Section III. Contrary Provisions Repealed

Any and all other provisions of the Santaquin City Code that are contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section IV. Codification, Inclusion in the Code, and Scrivener's Errors

It is the intent of the City Council that the provisions of this ordinance be made part of the Santaquin City Code as adopted, that sections of this ordinance may be re-numbered or re-lettered, and that the word ordinance may be changed to section, chapter, or other such appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intent regardless of whether such inclusion in a code is

accomplished. Typographical errors which do not affect the intent of this ordinance may be authorized by the City without need of public hearing by its filing a corrected or re-codified copy of the same with the City Recorder.

Section V. Posting and Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025. Prior to that time, the City Recorder shall deposit a copy of this ordinance in the official records of the City and place a copy of this ordinance in three places within the City.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April 2025.

Daniel M. Olson, Mayor

Councilmember Art Adcock	Voted	___
Councilmember Brian Del Rosario	Voted	___
Councilmember Lynn Mecham	Voted	___
Councilmember Jeff Siddoway	Voted	___
Councilmember Travis Keel	Voted	___

ATTEST:

Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder

STATE OF UTAH)
) ss.
COUNTY OF UTAH)

I, AMALIE R. OTTLEY, City Recorder of Santaquin City, Utah, do hereby certify and declare that the above and foregoing is a true, full, and correct copy of an ordinance passed by the City Council of Santaquin City, Utah, on the 1st day of April 2025, entitled

“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SANTAQUIN CITY CODE TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM BUIDLING SIZE IN THE MAIN STREET COMMERCIAL AREA (MSC) IN THE MAIN STREET BUSINESS DISTRICTS ZONE, PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER’S ERRORS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.”

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of Santaquin City Utah this 1st day of April 2025.

Amalie R. Ottley
Santaquin City Recorder

(SEAL)

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

STATE OF UTAH)
) ss.
COUNTY OF UTAH)

I, AMALIE R. OTTLEY, City Recorder of Santaquin City, Utah, do hereby certify and declare that prior to the ordinance taking effect, I posted a short summary of the ordinance on the Utah Public Notice Website as required by Utah State Code 10-3-711(1)(b) as a Class A Notice and Santaquin City Code 1-2-050(D)

I further certify that copies of the ordinance were posted online at www.santaquin.gov, at the City Hall Building at 110 S. Center Street and on the State of Utah's Public Notice Website, <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/index.html>. A copy of the notice may also be requested by calling (801)754-1904.

AMALIE R. OTTLEY
Santaquin City Recorder

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me on this ____ day of ____ 2025,
by AMALIE R. OTTLEY.
My Commission Expires:
