



Memorandum

To: Chair Hansen and Members of the Planning Commission

From: Daniel R. Buchholtz, MMC, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer

Date: January 9, 2024

Subject: Review of Use Table

The City Council has requested the Planning Commission review the use table for the City's commercial districts in an effort to enhance the City's economic and social vitality. The City Council wants to ensure that the Zoning Code meets the City's land use goals, particularly to "provide for a mix of commercial uses that provide goods and services to residents and that benefit from the City's proximity to major highways and roads."

Staff proposes the following steps to complete this work:

- *Assessment of the Current Zoning Code.* Review the current commercial land use table (included with the packet) to familiarize yourselves with the currently permitted and conditional uses in the C-1, C-2 and C-3 zoning districts.
- *Community engagement.* Engage with the community to gather input on the types of businesses they wish to see in our commercial districts.
- *Research.* Review commercial land use tables from other communities similar to Spring Lake Park. Staff will pull this information together for a future meeting.
- *Draft a set of recommendations for the City Council.* Based on the research and discussions by the Commission, provide a draft ordinance for review by the City Council.

If the Commission has any additional steps it would like to take in the project, please let staff know.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 763-784-6491.