Attachment C

2022 Annual Housekeeping Amendments Other Housekeeping Amendments

Ordinance No. O2022-015 July 12, 2022 Planning Commission Briefing



Issue

- During 2020 and 2021, staff gathered information on minor Tumwater Municipal Code housekeeping amendments to be considered collectively in 2022
- The proposed amendments are intended make minor corrections to the City's regulations

Review Process

- Staff has prepared Ordinance No. O2022-015 for consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council
- The other housekeeping amendments do not follow the TMC 18.60.025(A) process, but will be considered at the same time as the final docket of development code amendments in Ordinance No. 02022-013

Staff Report

For each of the three amendments, the staff report includes:

- Summary of the amendment
- Code section(s) to be amended
- Proposed amendment language

Other Amendments

The following amendments are a part of Ordinance O2022-015:

- A. Sidewalks Obstructions, Maintenance, and Repair
- B. Staff Reports for Hearing Examiner Schedule
- C. Traffic Study Requirements

Sidewalks

- Address short-term and long-term sidewalk maintenance
- Clarify who is responsible for maintenance of sidewalks
- Currently, neither the *Tumwater Municipal Code* nor the *Tumwater Development Guide* clearly addresses this issue

Sidewalks

Proposed amendment language, new sections added: 12.08.035 Removal of sidewalk obstructions.

It shall be the duty of the owner of abutting property to remove or correct any condition which renders any sidewalk, curb, or driveway unsafe or unfit for use, including snow, ice, or obstruction of any kind, natural or artificial. [...]

12.12.070 Sidewalk maintenance and repair.

It shall be the duty of the owner of abutting property to keep the sidewalk, curb, and any driveway access in good repair at the owner's own expense. The owner shall maintain, or replace if necessary, the sidewalk, curb, driveway, or street tress to remove or correct any condition which renders any such sidewalk, curb, or driveway unsafe or unfit for use, including slopes (running and cross), lips or displacements, cracks, and algae and other slip hazards.

Hearing Examiner Staff Reports

- Review when a staff report is needed for a hearing examiner hearing
- The hearing examiner has asked that the date when staff reports have to be available be changed from the current five working days prior to the public hearing to seven days
- Amend TMC 2.58.110 *Distribution of information*

Traffic Study Requirements

Update the criteria for when a traffic impact analysis is required

15.48.060 Traffic study.

Nonexempt building permit applications for the following types of developments must be accompanied by a traffic impact analysis study prepared by an engineer registered in the state of Washington with special training and experience in traffic engineering and who is a member of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and submitted by the applicant:

A. Development that generates fifty or more vehicle trips in the peak direction of the peak hour on the adjacent streets and intersections; or

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B. Development that generates twenty-five percent or more of peak-hour traffic through a signalized intersection or the critical movement at an unsignalized intersection.

All developments that are estimated to generate ten or more vehicle trips, five or more truck trips, or one or more trips to any Interstate 5 interchange must provide trip distribution diagrams prepared by a qualified transportation professional even if a full traffic impact analysis is not required.

Next Steps

Other Housekeeping Amendments (O2022-015)

Planning Commission

- Briefing July 12, 2022
- Worksession July 26, 2022
- Hearing August 9, 2022

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City Council

- Public Works Committee briefing September 8, 2022
- General Government Committee briefing September 14, 2022
- City Council worksession September 27, 2022
- City Council consideration October 4, 2022