



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: December 2, 2025

Agenda Item: Reconsideration of **2025-O-28** Ordinance to Combine Neighborhood Services and Economic Development Departments into Community Development Department.

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what, when, where, why)

After the council meeting a question was posed as to what version of Ordinance 2025-O-28 should be signed and entered into the record as having been approved by the Common Council. When an ordinance is approved the Clerk must certify the exact wording of the ordinance that has been approved by the Common Council and the City Manager also signs off on the Ordinance confirming it was approved. As the Council provided a general reference for a change it was not possible for the City Clerk and City Manager to sign an ordinance that would align with what was intended by each member of the Council when they voted to add language consistent with a prior ordinance.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

At the Common Council Meeting on November 18, 2025, a motion was made to amend Ordinance 2025-O-28 to add language regarding exigent circumstances to Section 10 of the ordinance that would be consistent with what the council had previously done. The exact words to be added and to what portion of Section 10 was not discussed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The recommendation is to approve Ordinance 2025-O-28 as originally presented without any amendment. City Staff has created Ordinance 2025-O-30 and is presenting that Ordinance on Dec. 2, 2025, to carry out the intent of the council in its attempt to amend this Ordinance on November 18, 2025.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Ordinance 2025-O-28