



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME:	Planning and Zoning Commission
MEETING DATE:	June 10, 2025
ITEM TITLE:	Consider and take appropriate action on discussion for an amendment to the Wolfforth Zoning Ordinance Article 14.05.013- Carports in required yards.
STAFF INITIATOR:	Tara Tomlinson, Director of Development Services

BACKGROUND:

In March 2022, a new ordinance was adopted to establish regulations and specifications for the location and construction of carports in Wolfforth. While the ordinance was necessary to ensure appropriate oversight of these structures, it has presented some challenges in the permitting process due to unclear or incomplete guidelines.

Specifically, Section 2 of Article 14.05.013 outlines construction standards, including setback requirements. However, these setbacks are only defined for front yard carports, leaving side and rear yard installations unaddressed. Additionally, the language used to define setback measurements lacks clarity, making it difficult to determine the correct point of reference for compliance.

To resolve these issues, City staff recommends amending the ordinance to:

- Establish setback requirements for all driveway types, including side and rear yards,
- Define a consistent and clearly identifiable reference point for setback measurements,
- Refine and clarify construction specifications for carports.

These updates aim to streamline the permitting process and ensure consistency in carport development throughout the city.

EXHIBITS:

1. Current Article 14.05.013

COMMITTEE ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Review current carport ordinance and determine if/what revisions are necessary.