



Memorandum

June 29, 2016

TO: Longview Planning Commission

FROM: Steve Langdon, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Farmers' Markets in Residential Zoning Districts

During the May 26 regular meeting, the city council considered a planning commission recommendation to adopt a new zoning code chapter that would allow farmers' markets on religious establishment and school grounds in residential areas. The council decided to send the proposal back to the planning commission with directions for the commission to consider expanding the scope of the proposal. Subsequently, on June 9, the City Council heard additional comments from citizens about the proposal and decided to reconsider it.

During a June 16 workshop, following a staff presentation and comments from the public, the council unanimously passed a motion directing the city attorney to prepare an ordinance for consideration at their next meeting, to include an emergency clause in order for the proposal to take effect immediately, recognizing that some summer produce is already being harvested, and that staff and the planning commission still be directed to discuss ways of expanding it so that next year, additional provisions more reflective of the desires of the council can be considered by the council.

The city council is scheduled to vote on the ordinance at a June 30 workshop. At the planning commission meeting, I will let you know the results of the council's June 30 meeting and discuss with you about expanding the scope of allowed farmers' market activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 442-5083.

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