The City of Longview Washington

Memorandum

August 31, 2016

TO: Longview Planning Commission

FROM: Steve Langdon, Planning Manager

SUBJECT: Proposed amendments to LMC Chapter 19.42 regarding farmers' markets in residential districts

The Planning Commission developed a code to allow small farmers' markets in residential zoning districts. In July, the city council adopted Ordinance No. 3324 that created a new Chapter 19.42 titled "Farmers Markets – Sponsored by Religious Establishments or Schools." During the ordinance adoption process, the city council directed the planning commission to examine expanding the locations where farmers' markets could locate in residential districts. They asked that the planning commission develop draft code amendments in time for the council to adopt a new ordinance before next year's growing season.

The city council wanted the planning commission to consider allowing farmer's markets in City parks or facilities. Consequently, I asked Jennifer Wills, Park and Recreation Director to submit the concept to the City's Park and Recreation Advisory Board for a recommendation. Attached is a letter from Ms. Wills giving the results of Advisory Board's consideration of the matter. The last sentence of the letter states:

> At this time, the City of Longview Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee made a motion to monitor the usage and demand for one year and make an official recommendation after review.

The council gave the planning commission a deadline to submit a proposal to them. So, even though the park and recreation advisory board decided to delay a recommendation for a year, I believe the planning commission needs to proceed with making a recommendation. Thus, I have developed some initial draft amendments to the current code. They are attached. We will discuss the proposed amendments at the meeting.

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

Cc: Jim McNamara, City Attorney
  Steve Shuman, Assistant City Attorney
  Craig Bozarth, City Engineer
  John Brickey, Community Development Director