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COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:
Preserve and enhance neighborhoods

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

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RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Motion to accept the Planning Commission recommendation and direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance for Council review and approval

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