# City of Longview



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# **Legislation Text**

File #: PC 2016-3 1/12/17, Version: 1

#### AMEND ZONING CODE REGARDING FARMERS' MARKETS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS

#### **COUNCIL STRATEGIC INITIATIVE ADDRESSED:**

Council Initiative: Preserve and enhance neighborhoods

**CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: N/A** 

### **SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

At their March 2016 meeting, the Planning Commission agreed to initiate a process to examine allowing small farmer's markets to locate on church or school grounds. This was at the request of representatives from the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The Planning Commission developed a draft code, held a public hearing, and then forwarded the draft to the City Council with a recommendation of approval. On June 30, 2016, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 3324. However, during the Council's approval process, the City Council directed the Planning Commission to examine expanding the areas where farmers' markets could locate. The Council specifically mentioned private property and parks as possible locations for farmer's markets.

At their September 2016 regular meeting, the Planning Commission considered some proposed amendments to Chapter 19.42 that were developed by City staff. These proposed amendments would allow farmers' markets to locate in City parks and to locate on private land that is two or more acres in size upon receiving a special property use permit. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendments at their December 2016 regular meeting. No one from the public commented. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission unanimously passed a motion to recommend approval of the proposed amendments.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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

#### STAFF CONTACT:

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