

**Department of Community Planning and Economic Development
Zoning Code Text Amendment**

Date: February 19, 2014

Initiator of Amendment: Council Member Glidden

Date of Introduction at City Council: January 11, 2013

Specific Site: Citywide

Ward: Citywide **Neighborhood Organization:** Citywide

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Intent of the Ordinance: To allow the additional sale and display of goods outside of business establishments.

Appropriate Section(s) of the Zoning Code: Chapter 535, Regulations of General Applicability; Chapter 547, Office Residence Districts; Chapter 548, Commercial Districts; Chapter 549, Downtown Districts; and Chapter 550, Industrial Districts.

The following chapters were also introduced: Chapter 520, Introductory Provisions and Chapter 536, Specific Development Standards. However, staff is not recommending changes to these chapters as part of this amendment and is therefore recommending returning them to the author.

Background: An ordinance amendment was introduced to the City Council on January 11, 2013, to revise provisions of the zoning code to allow additional outdoor sales and display of goods outside of business establishments. The zoning ordinance currently requires that all production, processing, storage, sales, display, and other business activities be conducted within a completely enclosed building, with the exception of a limited number of commercial uses in certain zoning districts, including automobile sales, gas stations, lawn and garden sales, permitted drive-through facilities, and building material sales.

The proposed text amendment would allow additional businesses to sell and display merchandise outside of an enclosed building. The zoning code text amendment proposal is proceeding concurrently with an amendment to Title 17, Streets and Sidewalks.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Recommendation of the Department of Community Planning and Economic Development:

The Department of Community Planning and Economic Development recommends that the City Planning Commission and City Council adopt the above findings and continue the zoning code text amendment to the Planning Commission meeting of March 3, 2014 to conduct further analysis and discuss approaches to enforcement of the proposed changes.