



Zoning Code Amendment Discussion Performance Standards and Signs

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Update on Self Storage Ordinance Requirements



- ▶ The city attorney has provided direction. The city should not eliminate self storage entirely.
- ▶ The city can limit it to one district only, and indoor only.
- ▶ The proposal is to leave self storage in I-2A districts only, and limit the self storage to indoor only.
- ▶ This should still provide the desired effect of eliminating self storage.

Performance Standards



Site Plan Process Changes

- ▶ This section was restructured to match site plan applications and current processes.

Home Occupation Changes

- ▶ The current ordinance is very confusing. The proposed changes reflect the same requirements, but is restructured to make it easier to interpret. Some antiquated language was eliminated.

Performance Standards (continued)



Parking Requirements Changes and Additions

- ▶ Over the years, staff has noticed the absence of some parking requirements in the ordinance, as well as some requirements that do not make logical sense.
- ▶ Most of these proposed changes are requirements implemented through the conditional use permit process and are based on research of other cities' ordinances.



Performance Standards (continued)



► The proposed changes affect the following:

- Auto repair
- Child Care
- Places of Worship
- Event Centers
- Fitness Centers
- Hospitals
- Hotels
- Medical/Dental Clinics
- Schools



Performance Standards (continued)



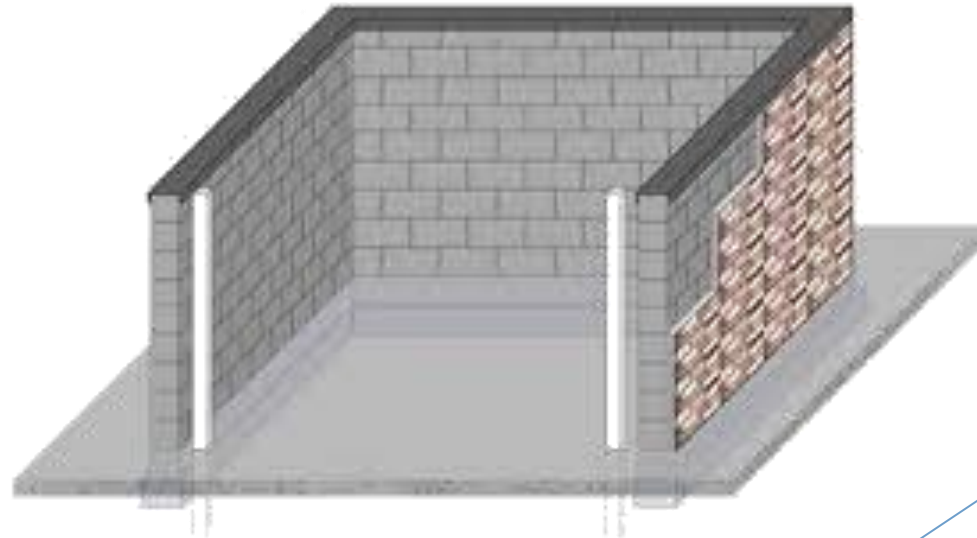
- ▶ There has been an increase in the number of donation drop off boxes in the middle of parking lots throughout the city.
- ▶ They often are unsightly and a concern when overflows occur.
- ▶ The current zoning ordinance does not deal with these issues.

Performance Standards (continued)



► A new section of the ordinance will address these by:

- Allowing them in the rear and side yards only.
- They must be screened on three sides with an enclosure that matches the material of the principal structure.

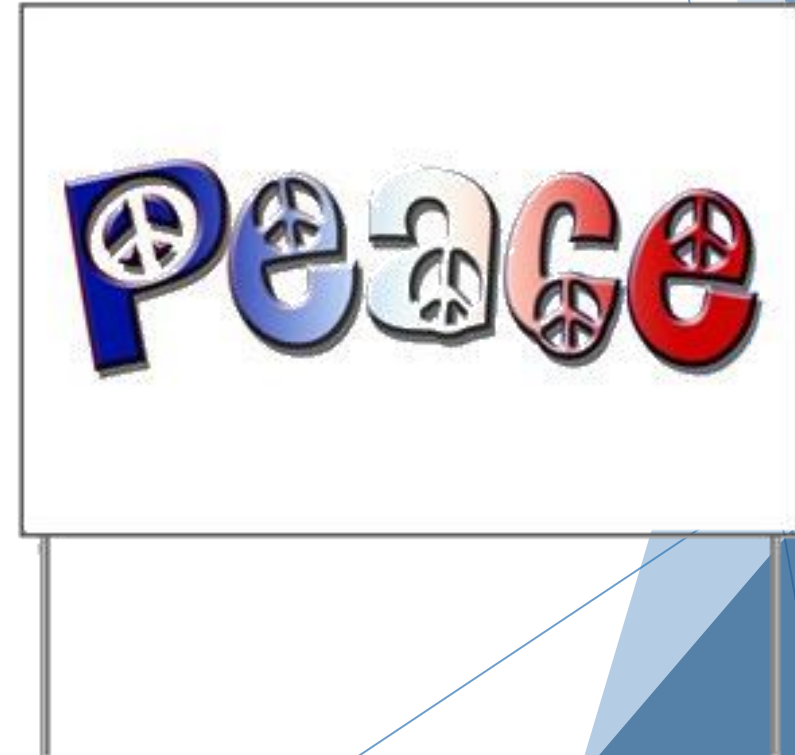


Signage



Definition of sign, noncommercial added to the ordinance.

- ▶ This definition references such things as signs bearing messages concerning political, religious, social, ideological, public service, and information topics.
- ▶ This definition includes political campaign signs.
- ▶ Political campaign sign requirements now match what is allowed by state law.



Signage (continued)



The Anoka County Airport Signs section has been removed from the ordinance.

- ▶ Staff has not, for a long time, issued signs on airport property.
- ▶ Building permits are the only types of permits required at the airport.

The freestanding signage section for the RR (Regional Recreation) district has been amended to match what is currently on site for signage as new field signage was permitted last summer.

Signage (continued)



Section 34.16 was added to the ordinance regarding signs containing non commercial speech.

- ▶ This section falls in line with a guide from the League of Minnesota Cities. It aims to protect 1st Amendment rights of residents and protect the city to any potential legal proceedings.
- ▶ Signs containing noncommercial speech are permitted anywhere that advertising or business signs are permitted, subject to the same regulations applicable to such signs.
- ▶ Essentially it means that businesses can put up signs with noncommercial speech, as long as they meet the size, type, and setback requirements listed for each individual zoning district.

Conclusion

- ▶ The zoning ordinance review is now complete.
- ▶ Staff is looking for feedback on tonight's discussion.
- ▶ Staff will bring forward the zoning ordinance amendments to the Planning Commission in March or April.
- ▶ Any overall questions?

