



City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota

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Legislation Text

File #: ORD 19-2432, Version: 3

DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS - *Erik Thorvig, Community Development Director*

SECOND READING

GRANTING A CODE AMENDMENT TO THE PBD (PLANNED BUSINESS DISTRICT) ZONING DISTRICT TO ADD GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR AS AN ACCESSORY USE. (CASE FILE NO. 19-0033/LSJ)

Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	07/09/19
City Council (1 st Reading)	08/05/19
City Council (2 nd Reading)	08/19/19

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the rezoning. There were no comments at the public hearing.

The city has been presented with an application by Aveda Corporation that involves a ground mounted solar array for vacant land near the corporate headquarters. Currently, the zoning ordinance does not support such use.

The city council has directed staff to initiate a code amendment that would allow ground mounted solar arrays as a conditional use in the PBD (Planned Business District). This is the zoning district in which Aveda resides.

Additionally, the solar array must be an accessory use to a principal structure, which is stated in the code amendment. This means that a solar array cannot be the sole or only use on a property and that a principal building must be present.

This is one of the ways the city is supporting the comprehensive plan, which states that the city will look at ways to support alternative energy sources.

By motion, introduce the ordinance for first reading and direct that it be placed on file for second reading on August 19, 2019.

Code Amendment

THE CITY OF BLAINE DOES ORDAIN: (Added portions are underscored and deleted portions are shown in brackets with overstrike.)

31.33 - Land uses for PBD (Planned Business District)

24. Ground mounted solar as an accessory use.

INTRODUCED and read in full the 5th day of August, 2019.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Blaine the 19th day of August, 2019.