Item 24-1290: Request to approve proposed text amendments to the Municipal Code Chapter 4 Buildings, Section 4-66(a) and (b)

Item 24-1291: Request to approve proposed text amendments to the Municipal Code Chapter 4 Buildings, Section 4-241

Item 24-1292: Request to approve proposed text amendments to the Municipal Code Chapter 4 Buildings, Section 4-546(a)

## **Community Development Committee**

Wed, Oct 09, 2024 4:30PM

## Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 00:53

We have no public hearings or appearances, so we'll move right into our action items. First action item is 24-1290, request to approve proposed text amendments to the Municipal Code, Chapter Four buildings, section 466 A and B as identified in the attached document. Do I have a motion?

#### Alderperson Vaya Jones (District 10) 01:12

Motion to approve.

#### **Supervisor Kurt Craanen (Inspections)** 01:13

This change is similar to the other amendments that we have on the agenda today. It's basically housekeeping, making sure that the code is clear on what things require a permit, and also to clarify that a fence is a structure, and in case there's any confusion or questions about what requires a permit. Very simple.

## Alderperson Nate Wolff (District 12) 01:13

Second.

### Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:13

We have a motion and a second. Who would like to address this? Kurt. Inspections Supervisor.

#### Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 01:46

I was going to ask you why the addition of structure, but you're just saying that that just applies to fences, correct?

#### Supervisor Kurt Craanen (Inspections) 01:54

Right. A structure is anything that's permanently attached to the ground. Our code currently, just says we require a permit for buildings, but we do require, and always have required, permits for other things such as pergolas, you know, that are detached structures that are detached the ground. We do require permits for those, and we're just cleaning that up in the in the code.

#### Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:13

It's an excellent add. Any questions from anybody on the committee? All right, there being no other questions. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Aye. That passes four, zero.

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#### Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 02:28

Moving on to item number 24-1291, request to approve proposed text amendments to the Municipal Code chapter four, building section 4-241, as identified in the attached document. Inspection Supervisor, is there anything different in that regard than you just spoke of?

#### Supervisor Kurt Craanen (Inspections) 02:46

No, it's very similar. Um, there's two things we have always had in the code that when you put a fence, you erect a fence, it has to meet wind loads so it doesn't blow over. But that was sort of hard to determine. But normal construction standards, or anything that goes anchor—is anchored in the ground should be past the frost line. So, we've had people try to put fences in and just like, attach them to a concrete slab with bolts. And we just got into some discussions. And this is so—we've been considering this a long time, and finally, since we're coming with some other things, we decided to include this, that when we do issue a permit for a fence, your posts need to be four feet in the ground.

## Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:25

Do you see very often that folks don't follow that? I mean, you just mentioned a couple little here and there, but is that...?

## Supervisor Kurt Craanen (Inspections) 03:32

It's not real common, but we've had a couple issues recently.

#### Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:35

Okay. People trying to get away with it on the cheap?

## Supervisor Kurt Craanen (Inspections) 03:38

Yes.

#### Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:39

Excellent. Any other questions or comments? All right. There being none, all those in favor—

## Alderperson Nate Wolff (District 12) 03:46

Motion to approve.

#### Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:47

Sorry, we had a—I thought we had a—

#### Alderperson Vaya Jones (District 10) 03:49

Motion to approve.

### Alderperson Nate Wolff (District 12) 03:50

Second.

### Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:51

Excellent. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye. Aye. And that passes four, zero.

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### Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 03:59

Item number 24-1292, request to approve proposed text amendments to the Municipal Code, Chapter Four, buildings 4-546 A, as identified in the attached document.

### Alderperson Nate Wolff (District 12) 04:10

Motion to approve.

## Alderperson Vaya Jones (District 10) 04:11

Second.

## Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 04:11

Thank you. Motion and a second. Inspections Supervisor Craanen.

### Supervisor Kurt Craanen (Inspections) 04:16

This is related to the other issues we were talking about. We went through the code, actually, mostly [Assistant City Attorney] Darrin [Glad] went through the code to say, "Hey, we have to be consistent with how we're referring to fences." And if you say in certain this part of the code referred to fences and structures like they were two different things. We're just clarifying that they're the same thing.

## Alderperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 04:33

Thank you, Attorney Glad, for clarifying that. Anybody else have any questions or concerns in this regard? All right, there being none, all those in favor, please signify by saying, aye. Aye. That passes four, zero.