



## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Stille and St. Anthony Village City Council  
From: Stephen Grittman, City Planner  
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### BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

This memorandum provides background for the upcoming City Council work session addressing several sections of the current City Code. First is related to keeping of animals – particularly wild animals – and associated definitions and other factors related to this activity. The language is written specifically to prohibit this activity. It arose out of concerns over residents feeding deer, but relates to many other potential nuisances in this same regard. The language also addresses farm animals, more broadly than the current ordinance.

The second section is a small amendment to address a conflicting section of the recently adopted natural landscape section. As a part of the formal ordinance, there is some tune-up necessary to fit this material into a few other sections of the zoning ordinance, and to create a clearer understanding of the landscape treatments of the setback and right of way areas.

The third section is an extensive update of the City's fence regulations. To address changes in building code, the proposed language changes the height allowance from six feet to seven feet, and eliminates the building permit/building official role in the permitting process, converting instead to a zoning permit. The language further clarifies height measurement, and common fence construction realities.

The fourth section in the table makes two changes to the City's right of way management regulations, which are found in two sections of code. These changes relate primarily to ensuring that property owners are not to dispose of waste landscape materials or grass clippings in the right of way, nor are they to blow snow into those areas. This is common language found in most municipal codes, and is intended to ensure that those public areas remain clear.

Finally, the table includes regulations to amend the City's Alcohol licensing, creating a license category for Brewer Taprooms and "Brewpubs", both of which are defined and now allowed by the updated Commercial Zoning regulations (by Conditional Use Permit). These licensing regulations are adapted from the State regulations for such uses. The city would (presumably) exempt these uses from the common food-sales percentages otherwise required by the liquor licensing requirements.

Attached as a separate section is language proposed to license and regulate bus benches. The attachment includes proposed language, and summary discussion of the issues surrounding these structures, which are provided by private vendors who then sell advertising space on the benches. As

noted in the text, the public agencies that manage both the transit system and rights-of-way where these benches are located currently have no process for managing the benches.

Finally, attached to the table separately is a section that creates an allowance for food trucks (or, “Mobile Food Units”) in the City. The language is accompanied by common definitions and some limitations to the licensing of this use. The City Council should consider whether the use should be accommodated, and whether the proposed language is acceptable or additional requirements should be made. For many communities, the primary objection to food trucks comes from the brick-and-mortar restaurants, although several such restaurants also operate mobile food units in addition to their brick-and-mortar sites.

The bulk of the material is presented as a table-form list of proposed amended language for the three categories of material. The table includes the original or current code language in black, with proposed changes in redline. Text that is proposed to carryover from the existing code is referenced in the second column. The third column includes changes to each of the proposed sections highlighted as noted above. The fourth column provides some commentary explaining the purpose of the changes (or in a few cases, why no change is proposed).

The purpose of the work session discussion is to address any policy reaction to the material, and examine the proposed changes as to consistency with Council policy. With this direction, staff expects to refine the material in preparation for a public hearing by the Planning Commission, eventually returning to the City Council with a formal ordinance proposal.