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AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

TECHNICAL STAFF REPORT

TO: City of Laurel Planning Commission

FROM: Robert Love, Director

CASE: Text Amendment No. 266 (Ordinance No. 2024)
Unified Land Development Code Update Part VIII

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of Text Amendment No. 266 (Ordinance No. 2024) to amend Unified Land Development Code Chapter 20 “Land Development and Subdivision” to update the definitions section, the commercial use table, the industrial use table, M-X-T use table, the forest conservation article, and the signs section.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The proposed text amendment No. 266 (Ordinance No. 2024) would modify various sections of the Unified Land Development Code. The Code provides the City’s zoning requirements, subdivision regulations, forest conservation codes, and all other development-related regulations. The goal of the comprehensive review and update is to streamline the document to make it more user friendly for citizens, business owners and developers. Part I of the Unified Land Development Code update was approved October 26, 2020, Part II was approved on January 25, 2021, and Part III was approved June 28, 2021, Part IV was approved October 25, 2021, Part V was approved January 10, 2022, Part VI was approved September 26, 2022, Part VII was approved September 12, 2023 and Part VIII was approved October 23, 2023.

ANAYLSIS:

The proposed changes for text amendment No. 266 (Ordinance No. 2024) includes modifications to the following sections:

- Section 20-1.7. “Definitions”
- Section 20-6.29. “Dwelling unit area requirements”
- Section 20-7.8. “Table of commercial uses”
- Section 20-9.5 “Table of industrial uses”
- Section 20-12.2. “Table of mixed-use-Transportation oriented zone uses”
- Section 20-17.4. “Regulation by zones”
- Section 20-41.2. “Definitions”
- Section 20-41.9. “Priorities and time requirements for afforestation and reforestation”

The proposed change would update eight (8) sections of the Unified Land Development Code. The changes are mainly to ensure that all uses included in the use tables also have a corresponding definition. It will also eliminate contradicting uses and definitions. We are also proposing tree legislation that will dictate based on the size of the tree removed, the number of trees required to replace those removed trees.


RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Planning Commission **RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of Text Amendment No. 266 (Ordinance No. 2024) to the Mayor and City Council.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. City of Laurel Ordinance Text Amendment No. 266 (Ordinance No. 2024)

SUBMITTED:



Robert Love, Director