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CITY SEEKS FEEDBACK ON PERMANENT, TEMPORARY (DROP HOME) ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGULATIONS

The Burnsville City Council is seeking public feedback on the topic of “accessory dwelling units.” The Council will hold an Expert Testimony/Public Comment meeting in October to gather more information on the topic.

What: Expert Testimony/Public Comment on
Permanent, Temporary (Drop Home) Accessory Dwelling Units
When: Tuesday, Oct. 3, 2017 | Immediately following City Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
Where: Burnsville City Hall | 100 Civic Center Parkway

Those unable to attend the meeting can provide feedback online at www.burnsville.org/drophome.

Background

Currently, Burnsville City Code does not specifically address permanent accessory dwelling units (ADU). The code does have language that states when a use is not “specifically allowed or prohibited” in a zoning district, it should be considered “prohibited” unless the City Council allows the use. Therefore, ADUs are currently considered prohibited under Burnsville City Code.

However, under the current Code, families may live together under one roof, and (in appropriate zoning districts) a property owner may apply for a variance to allow a single-family dwelling to be used as a temporary two-family dwelling.

The Burnsville City Council is currently considering its regulations on two types of ADUs, permanent and temporary. Permanent ADUs may include separate living spaces in a basement, above a garage, attached to the home or “tiny homes” with foundations, etc. Temporary ADUs include temporary manufactured homes for the purpose of caring for a family member with a healthcare need.

State statute currently allows for temporary ADUs with multiple restrictions. However, under the statute, cities are allowed to “opt out” of allowing this use. Part of this governance process will be discussion on whether or not Burnsville should “opt in” on allowing temporary ADUs.

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In September, staff presented a white paper as part of the first phase of this governance process, which provided background information on the topic of accessory dwelling units. The second phase (Oct. 3) will include expert testimony from various perspectives and public comment. The third and final phase (Nov. 6) will consist of Council dialogue and a policy decision.

To view the September council discussion, meeting packet and minutes, and the white paper visit www.burnsville.org/drophome.