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Subject: Code Reconciliation: Follow up on Self-Storage

Chair Schultz and Commissioners:

I note that several neighborhoods have commented about restricting or removing the allowance for self-storage units in CM3 and in CE. I made comments myself on 10-5-17 as well.

The letter recently sent by the South Tabor Neighborhood Association was the most thorough and eloquent. I agree with the points covered:

I agree that Self-storage should not be allowed in the CM-3 zone. This zone is mapped as a denser version of CM-2, located in Centers, at the heart of walkable neighborhoods. This is the last place we'd want to take up space with self-storage.

STNA's letter lays out several options for CE. The first, and most effective is to prohibit self-storage in CE as well. In places like Powell Blvd., it is a struggle to create a walkable street out of a state highway. Self-storage sucks the life out of the street by removing the chance for human encounters that most other uses would allow or encourage.

Their second option, prohibit self-storage on Frequent Service Transit Streets, is a good option as well.

And even option 3, apply Centers Main St Overlay standards and limit percentage of the building that is self-storage, will help limit the deadening effects of these blank walls on transit streets.

I urge you to seriously consider this range of options to rein in this proliferating development type in the CE zones, and also to prohibit it in CM3.

I also agree with the limitations on Commercial Parking being extended to include the CE zone.

Thank you.

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