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Briefing

DISCUSSION MEMO

Date: March 21, 2023
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Re: Briefing – Parking Compliance Amendments Project (PCAP)
March 27, 2023

This memo is regarding the upcoming Briefing on March 27, 2023, regarding the Parking Compliance Amendments Project. The following supporting documents are available as follows:

- [Link to Proposed Draft – Parking Compliance Amendments Project](#)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability is working on a zoning code update and is briefing the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission as the associated changes are an important part of the regulatory context for all development happening in the City. The main change that this project is addressing is the decision to remove all local parking minimums from our zoning code and adjust maximums.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Parking Compliance Amendments Project brings city Zoning Code regulations into compliance with the State's administrative rule changes approved in 2022 through the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) rulemaking process. The new rules require cities to remove or severely restrict the amount of minimum parking requirements within the zoning codes. The Parking Compliance Amendments Project removes minimum parking requirements citywide and makes other adjustments to parking maximums and parking standards to align with the adopted rules. These rules are required to be implemented in the Portland Zoning Code by June 30, 2023.

The zoning code amendments found in Section II of the proposed draft include changes needed to implement the four project proposals (below). The amendments also bring regulations in various sections of the code into consistency with each other, clarify rules, or make other changes to bring the regulations into conformance with the State rules. These proposals are described in more detail at the briefing on Monday March 27, 2023.

PROPOSAL

1. Remove minimum parking requirements
2. Update and simplify parking maximums
3. Add new development standards for surface parking lots
4. Miscellaneous technical items

BACKGROUND

Throughout 2021 and 2022, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) developed a set of state criteria called the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) rulemaking. These rules apply to the eight most populated regions in the state and require communities within those areas to change their local transportation and land use plans to do more to ensure Oregonians have safe, comfortable ways to get around and don't have to drive long distances just to meet their daily needs. The rules are intended to support the state's goals.

BPS STAFF PROPOSAL

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability staff proposes that the Planning Commission recommends that City Council Amend Zoning Code Chapter 33.266, Parking, Loading, and Transportation and Parking Demand and other sections of Title 33 as listed in the Proposed Draft. The amendments implement changes in state law that require the removal of minimum parking requirements, update maximum parking requirements, and add new green feature standards for larger surface parking lots.