

AGENDA REPORT

Date: July 16, 2013
To: City Council
Thru: Ted Barkley, City Manager *TB*
From: Mike Smith, Community Development Director *MS*
RE: July 22 Special Meeting Agenda - Final Draft Land Development Code

Council has set a special meeting for July 22, 2013 and for July 29, 2013 to review the Final Draft Land Development Code. The draft can be reviewed on the City's webpage at www.ci.ellensburg.wa.us or direct link at <http://www.ci.ellensburg.wa.us/index.aspx?nid=395>. It is also available on CD at the Community Development Department and hard copies are available for reading at the City Library and at Community Development in City Hall.

Council has indicated that the review will follow the order of the Final Draft and staff has indicated in public notices that Articles 1 thru 3 will be reviewed on July 22 and Articles 4 thru 6 will be reviewed on July 29. It may also be necessary to carryover some of the review from the July 22 meeting to the 29th.

Council has reviewed several earlier drafts, in addition to holding several joint study sessions with the Planning Commission, and staff would recommend that this review process consist of:

- Staff brief presentation of a summary of each Article along with identification of any changes from the last draft that was released in January 2013, and identification of any items that may still need to be discussed and resolved.
- Discussion by Council and public input.
 - Staff suggests that Council provide time for public input at the conclusion of its discussion on each Article.
- Direction by Council.
 - The Final Draft will need some amendment to address identified typographical and/or formatting errors, and will likely also have some amendments to add or delete or reword the text in places.
 - Staff would suggest that a running list of such amendments be kept by staff throughout the review process, including the SEPA review process and State 60-Day Review processes that are concurrently running, and bring those back to Council for consideration and direction when Council makes the decision to have the Final Draft included in an implementing ordinance.

Staff has attached an Outline/Summary of Recent LDC Revisions that in very brief terms outlines changes that have been made since the January 2013 draft was released. In addition, the webpage has executive summaries of each Article that provide greater detail as to the contents of each Article. Those will be used as the primary guide during the review process, with staff briefly outlining the contents of each Article and responding to any questions as Council moves through each Article.