AGENDA REPORT

Date: July 22, 2013

To: City Council

Thru: Ted Barkley, City Manager

From: Mike Smith, Community Development Director

RE: July 29 Special Meeting Agenda - Final Draft Land Development Code

Council has set a special meeting for July 29, 2013 to continue its review of 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 the review was initiated on July 22 with Articles 1 thru 3. The July 29 meeting will continue with review of Article 3 and will then review Articles 4 thru 6.

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.