

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: March 16, 2021

To: Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore, and Members of the City Council

From: Damon Dequenne, Assistant City Manager
Aaron King, Director of Planning and Development Services

Council Action Requested:

Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Chapter 5, 6, And 11 Of The Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) To Revise Mixed Use – Special Use (MU-S) Provisions And To Add Provisions For Cottage Courts. (UDO-CC8) Public Hearing: April 5, 2021

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods

Strategic Objective: Improve Character and Conditions of Neighborhoods

Strategic Plan Action Item: No

Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The Planning Board recommended approval of an amendment to the Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) revising standards for the Mixed Use – Special Use (MU-S) district and adding provisions for Cottage Court development at its February 11, 2021 meeting. The Planning Board directed staff to prepare this amendment (UDO-CC8) as a means of promoting additional diversity of housing types in the community.

Specifically, UDO-CC8 modifies existing MU-S district standards to allow more flexibility and innovation in design for such developments. This district will function as our local Planned Unit Development (PUD) district. UDO-CC8 also proposes adding Cottage Courts as a residential development type. Staff believes that Cottage Courts are an effective way to increase housing choice and variety while maintaining residential character and scale. Cottage Courts help to fulfill the goal of housing diversity promoted by the *Legacy* Comprehensive Plan and help alleviate the need for 15,000 new housing units identified in the 2018 *Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Housing Study and Needs Assessment*.

Staff will be available to present UDO-CC8 at the March 2021 Community Development/Housing/General Government Committee meeting.

Committee Action:

Committee	<u>CDHGG 3/16/2021</u>	Action	<u>Forwarded without Recommendation</u>
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Remarks:

