

City Council – Action Request Form

Date: November 8, 2022

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

From: Aaron King, Assistant City Manager
Chris Murphy, Director of Planning and Development Services

Council Action Requested:
Request for Public Hearing on an ordinance amendment to the Unified Development Ordinances (UDO) to add use-specific standards to pesticide, fertilizer and other agricultural chemical manufacturing; explosives and pyrotechnics manufacturing; and battery manufacturing (UDO-CC17).

Strategic Focus Area: Livable Neighborhoods
Strategic Objective: No
Strategic Plan Action Item: No
Key Work Item: No



Summary of Information:

The findings of a peer community review of fertilizer plant regulations were presented to the Public Works Committee at its April 2022 meeting in response to the Winston Weaver Plant fire. Following discussion, the Committee instructed staff to prepare a UDO amendment that would provide enhanced standards for fertilizer manufacturing and other hazardous uses. At the June Public Works Committee meeting, staff presented draft ordinance language proposing specific standards for chemical and battery manufacturing as a subset of the “Manufacturing C” use. The Public Works Committee directed staff to proceed with the ordinance adoption process.

The Planning Board reviewed UDO-CC17 thoroughly at multiple work sessions, raising valid questions about regulating such facilities resulting in needed revisions to the ordinance amendment. The Planning Board held a public hearing on the ordinance amendment on October 13, 2022 and recommended approval by a 6-2 vote. Staff will be available to present UDO-CC17 at the November 2022 Public Works Committee meeting.

Committee Action:

Committee	Public Works 11/7/2022	Action	Approval
For	Unanimous	Against	

Remarks: