Zoning Ordinance Amendments Multi-Family Residential Uses



- In August of 2009, Council Member Day stated that the City had too much multi-family residential zoning and that future multi-family developments need to be of a high quality.
- Staff researched and drafted a series of multi-family regulations that were intended to increase the quality of future multi-family residential construction.
- These proposed multi-family regulations were adopted by the City Council in May of 2010.



- Since May of 2010, Staff has received complaints that the regulations pertaining to multi-family residential development are too restrictive, specifically the enclosed parking space requirement for multi-family residential uses.
- In May of 2012, Council Members Day and Ussery requested that Staff reassess the multi-family residential regulations and bring back modified regulations that still ensure that a high quality development is constructed.



Staff has drafted multi-family regulations that address the following areas:

- Provide a clear distinction between multi-family, senior multi-family, independent living, and assisted living uses
- Provide for modified parking standards for each use
- Provide for modified architectural standards for senior multi-family and multi-family residential uses
- Provide for an updated Schedule of Uses chart
- Provide clear definitions of what each use is



What are the different uses?

- Multi-Family Residential: 3 or more units on one lot
- Senior Multi-Family Residential: 3 or more age-restricted (55 or older) units on one lot
- Independent Living: Private facility that allows for retirement living and which provides on-site meals and transportation services (may include recreation opportunities as well)
- Assisted Living: Private facility that provides on-site nursing care



What are the parking standards?

Use	Existing Requirement	Proposed Requirement
Multi-Family Residential	1 enclosed parking space per unit plus 0.5 space per bedroom	1 parking space per unit plus 0.5 space per bedroom; 50% of the units shall have an enclosed space
Senior Multi-Family Residential	N/A	1 parking space per unit; 50% of the units shall have an enclosed space
Independent Living	1 space for each unit	1 space for each unit
Assisted Living	1 space for every 4 beds	1 space for every 4 beds



Where are the uses allowed?

Use	Existing Zoning Districts	Proposed Zoning Districts
Multi-Family Residential	RG 25, RG 18, MF-1, MF- 2, MF-3, MTC*, CHD*	No Change
Senior Multi-Family Residential	N/A	RG 25, RG 18, MF-1, MF-2, MF-3, MTC*, CHD*
Independent Living	N/A	RG 25, RG 18, MF-1, MF-2, MF-3, BG*, C*, O-1*, O*
Assisted Living	RG 25, RG 18, MF-1, MF- 2, MF-3, NC, BN, BG, C	RG 25, RG 18, MF-1, MF-2, MF-3, NC, BN, BG, C, O-1*, O*

^{*} With approval of a SUP.



What are the architectural regulations?

- "Assisted Living" and "Independent Living" follow existing commercial point system (must receive 85 points for approval)
- "Multi-Family Residential" and "Senior Multi-Family Residential" will follow proposed architectural standards



Components of the Proposed Architectural Standards

All must be satisfied:

- 1. Roof Treatments
- 2. Exterior Finishing Materials
- 3. Exterior Color
- 4. Building Massing
- 5. Amenities
- 6. Major Enhancements
- 7. Minor Enhancements
- 8. Additional Requirements



Exterior Finishing Materials

- 85% of each wall shall be masonry
 - Masonry is brick, stone, synthetic stone
- 15% may be masonry, stucco, EIFS, CMU, wood lap siding, vinyl siding, glass curtain wall
- 50% of each wall is required if walls are within a courtyard or not visible from ROW or residential zoning or use



Amenities

The number of required amenities is determined by the number of residential units within the development (from 1 to 10 required)

- Swimming Pool
- Jacuzzi
- Tot Play Lot
- Splash Pad
- Dog Park
- Sport Court
- Fitness Center
- Golf Putting Green
- Centralized Open Space
- As Approved by P&Z



Major Architectural and Site Enhancement

All sites must feature two of the following:

- Exterior oriented ground floor entrances
- Private balconies and porches
- Divided median entrances
- Structured parking
- Other enhancements as approved by P&Z



Minor Architectural and Site Enhancement

All sites must feature four of the following:

- 100% masonry finish on visible walls
- Two types of complementary masonry finishing
- Patterned brickwork
- Dormers
- Masonry chimneys
- Screening of HVAC
- Roof mounted HVAC
- Shutters
- Window treatments
- Internal downspouts
- Other enhancements as approved by P&Z



Other Requirements

All must be satisfied:

- Parking structures must match the main building's style
- Screening of off-street parking
- Concrete paving with curbs
- Maximum 2 stories (outside REC)
- Incorporation of exterior stairways
- No windows may be oriented towards residential within 150' (outside REC)



Questions?

