Non-Housing Zoning Code Update Recommendations

The recommended non-housing related zoning code changes initially focus on priority items staff has been tracking or from community feedback, simple clean up items, and implementing consistent procedures or modifications due to State Statutes.

The table below outlines how certain non-housing-related recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan can be implemented through updates to the zoning code. The first column outlines key recommendations, while the following columns highlight the relevant zoning code sections and the specific updates needed to align with the Comprehensive Plan.

These recommendations do not encompass all the changes that will be made as part of the zoning code update. Additional updates, including minor cleanups, new definitions, and clarifications, will also be incorporated to ensure consistency and usability.

Comprehensive Plan Recommendation	Current Code Section	Recommended Zoning Code Change		
Modify redevelopment processes				
Evaluate the redevelopment process to eliminate barriers to revitalizing aging properties.	24.06.080 SP-PKG 24.07.030 Use Table	Consider revising and clarifying SP-PKG regulations.		
Shorten the approval process or offer density bonus. Identify additional opportunities to streamline development processes and incorporate appropriate design requirements.	24.11.120 Vehicle Loading and Unloading 24.12.020 Perimeter Vehicular Use Area Landscaping 24.12.040 Screening	Consider permitting uses with minimal impact or those that are subject to additional regulations (landscaping, screening, distance, licensing etc), such as indoor storage operations and secondhand merchandise sales.		
	24.12.040 Screening 24.14.030 Pedestrian Standards 24.16 Procedures 24.18 Terminology and Measurements	Consider revising and/or clarifying vehicle loading/unloading, parking lot landscaping, screening regulations, and pedestrian standards.		

		Remove zoning amendment protest petitions per State Statutes – all zoning changes must be by majority vote. Revise some approval processes for consistency. Revise and/or update some terminology and measurements.
Modernize Parking		
Encourage business owners to repurpose existing auto- oriented parking areas into spaces with more flexible uses. Update vehicle parking requirements where necessary to maximize on- street parking usage and reduce the amount of space needed for off-street parking. Modify ordinances to reduce	24.11 Parking and Loading	Reduce minimum parking ratios for common uses, such as eating and drinking establishments, retails sales, medical offices, professional offices. In the future, consider revising all parking ratios. Refine bicycle parking requirements to better serve the needs of cyclists
the minimum parking requirements of sites near transit areas or where a walkable environment is desired. Encourage the installation of additional bicycle parking along existing bicycle facilities, particularly near		

Protect Surface and Groundwater Quality			
Encourage developers to	24.12.040 Screening	Update refuse/recycling	
incorporate stormwater		container requirements.	
management and green			
infrastructure			