

MEMORANDUM

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

DATE: September 21, 2017

TO: Neighborhood Associations

FROM: Kristin Turkelson
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SUBJECT: Accessory Dwelling Units

On Monday August 7th, 2017 the City of Grand Rapids City Commission reviewed twelve priority recommendations developed by the Housing Advisory Committee. These recommendations include several zoning recommendations, including Accessory Dwelling Units (see attachment 1). The City Commission directed this recommendation to the Planning Commission for further discussion. The expectation is that the Planning Commission will recommend changes to the current Zoning Ordinance requirements (see attachment 2).

As part of the Planning Commission's analysis, it was suggested that planning staff work with the neighborhood associations to review current ordinance requirements and understand what changes would be necessary to increase utilization of the use (i.e. supply of Accessory Dwelling Units) as well as standards to protect existing neighborhood character. Staff will also be reviewing best practices from around the country.

We are requesting your assistance in sharing the attached information with your residents and engage them in discussion about Accessory Dwelling Units. Staff will hold an open house to collect thoughts and ideas in late fall of 2017.

Additional information will be shared at the September 28th, 2017 meeting.