



DATE: May 22, 2020
TO:
FROM: Shawn James, Planner
RE: Proposed Moratorium on Self-Storage Facilities

At its May 11th study meeting, the City Council directed staff to schedule a public hearing to consider an interim ordinance for a moratorium on self-storage facilities. The potential moratorium would temporarily prohibit the development of new self-storage facilities in the City. Previously approved development and expansions of existing facilities are exempted from the proposed ordinance.

The Council has noted a proliferation of self-storage facilities in the City in recent years and would like staff to conduct a zoning study to inform potential Code amendments. Currently, self-storage facilities are allowed with a Conditional Use Permit in the I-1, I-2, and I-3 zoning districts. Property registered under your name is located in one of these zoning districts and would be subject to the moratorium. Staff anticipates presenting recommended code amendments before the Planning Commission and City Council later this year. The moratorium could last for up to one year, but would likely be lifted if code amendments are adopted sooner.

A public hearing on the proposed moratorium is currently scheduled for June 1st at 7:00 PM. Due to COVID-19, meetings are being held virtually. Staff has recommended that Council continue the public hearing from June 1st to June 22nd at 7:00 PM. It is not anticipated that the City will take public comment at the June 1 meeting unless members of the public have called into the meeting. Public comment will be taken on June 22nd and may be submitted at any time in writing. Information to access the meetings will be posted on the City's webpage as the meeting date approaches. If you have questions about the moratorium, attending the meetings, or would like to provide public comment for the Council to consider, please contact me at sjames@bloomingtonmn.gov or by phone: 952-563-8918.

Sincerely,

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