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Subject: City of Bloomington Code Amendments - Request for Your Input

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Greetings,

The City of Bloomington is currently working on multiple City Code amendment projects that may be of interest to your organizations. We want to make sure you are aware of these projects, are happy to meet with you and/or answer any questions, and we request any comments or input that you may have.

Projects currently being discussed include:

Restaurant Related Amendments – The amendments include removing the Conditional Use Permit requirements for restaurants without drive-throughs or outdoor seating, reducing the minimum required floor area standards for restaurants in certain zoning districts, creating standards for patios, and codifying standards previously applied through conditions of approval, including odor control when near residential uses. A public hearing before the City Council is scheduled for February 24, 2020.

Food Truck Related Amendments – The amendments establish standards for food trucks. A public hearing before the Planning Commission is scheduled for March 5, 2020. A public hearing before the City Council is tentatively anticipated on April 6, 2020.

Taproom/Cocktail Room Amendments – There are two separate amendments regarding taprooms, cocktail rooms and related uses. The first creates a licensing process with standards and the second expands the number of zoning districts in which taprooms and cocktail rooms could locate to include commercial districts. The Zoning Ordinance already allows taproom and cocktail room in industrial districts. An administrative hearing to discuss both ordinances is scheduled for February 5, 2020. The licensing amendments are scheduled for a public hearing before the City Council on February 24, 2020. The zoning amendments are tentatively scheduled for public hearings before the Planning Commission on March 5, 2020 and before the City Council on April 6, 2020.

The City of Bloomington is also working on Code amendments that relate to **recreational vehicle storage standards** and **bluff protection overlay districts and standards**. Detailed information on each project is available at this website: <https://www.bloomingtonmn.gov/plan/zoning-ordinance-update-project>

Again, we are very interested in any comments or input you may have on these projects and are happy to meet with you or speak over the phone to further discuss the projects. Shawn James at (952) 563-8918 (copied here) is the project planner for these amendments. Either Shawn or I can serve as a contact.

Sincerely,

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