

ORDINANCE 2024 - 06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE SUNNYSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE (SMC), TITLE 17, ZONING, TO INCORPORATE TEXT AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE SUNNYSIDE PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission of the City of Sunnyside has considered Amendments to modify several sections in the SMC Title 17, Zoning; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a study session on January 10, 2023, and March 14, 2023, pursuant to notice and has received and considered all evidence and testimony presented; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, having conducted such study session, found, determined, and recommended that the City Council approve such amendment as indicated in the findings dated April 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held an open record public hearing on March 27, 2023, pursuant to notice, to consider such amendment as recommended by the Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sunnyside, having considered the record herein, the testimony provided at the public hearing, and the recommendation from the Planning Commission, hereby finds and determines that approval of these amendments is in the best interest of residents of the City of Sunnyside and will promote general health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY

OF SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17.64.025. Of the Sunnyside Municipal Code is hereby added and reads as follows:

17.64.025. Accessory Uses

A. Generally. An accessory use is a use customarily incidental and subordinate to the principal use of a structure or site. Accessory uses are permitted upon compliance with the terms and provisions of this title. They must be clearly secondary to, supportive of, and compatible with the principal use(s) and consistent with the purpose and intent of the zoning district. The land use classification and review requirements of an accessory use shall be the same as that of the principal use(s), unless otherwise specified.

B. Garages. Private garages are permitted as an accessory use; provided, that in residential districts they are primarily used to store motor vehicles by the occupants of the residence.

C. Pets. The keeping of pets is permitted as an accessory use; provided, that in residential districts they are subject to the following restrictions:

1. They are domesticated animals kept for pleasure or as a hobby rather than utility, including, but not limited to, fish; birds; dogs, fewer than five; cats, fewer than six; hen chickens (no roosters), fewer than three; and rabbits, fewer than three;
2. Their presence does not create undue noise or odors such as would create a nuisance or diminish the residential nature of the neighborhood;
3. Such animals are properly fed, watered and kept in a humane manner;
4. Any chicken coops, chicken tractors, or rabbit hutches shall be set back five or more feet from any residence or property line, and five feet from other structures including decks;
5. Hen houses, coops, hutches, and chicken tractors shall be restricted to the backyard area of a residential lot;
6. For chickens and rabbits, adequate fencing shall be installed to contain the animals within the backyard; and
7. Chickens must be registered and licensed by the City. Obtained at City Hall or at other locations designated and approved by the City Manager; and

PASSED this 13th day of May 2024.



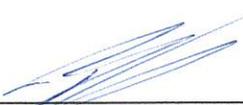
DEAN BROERSMA, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JACQUELINE RENTERIA, CITY CLERK

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