



Staff Report to the Western Weber Planning Commission

Weber County Planning Division

Synopsis

Application Information

Application Request:	Public hearing to discuss and take comment on a proposal to amend the following section of Weber County Code: Standards for Detached Single-Family Dwellings (Chapter 108 Title 15) to add standards for single family dwellings with secondary kitchens.
Agenda Date:	Tuesday, August 14, 2018
Applicant:	Weber County Planning Division
File Number:	ZTA 2018-02

Staff Information

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Report Reviewer:	RG

Applicable Ordinances

- Weber County Land Use Code, Title 108, Chapter 15 (Standards for Detached Single-Family Dwellings).

Legislative Decisions

Decision on this item is a legislative action. When the Planning Commission is acting on a legislative item it is acting as a recommending body to the County Commission. Legislative decisions have wide discretion. Examples of legislative actions are general plan, zoning map, and land use code amendments. Typically, the criterion for providing a recommendation on a legislative matter suggests a review for compatibility with the general plan and existing ordinances.

Summary and Background

The current Uniform Land Use Code of Weber County, Utah (LUC) does not define “Second Kitchen” and does not specify its permissibility in Detached Single-Family Dwellings. A recent change to the County Land Use, Development, and Management Act (H.B. 232) states “If a land use regulation does not plainly restrict a land use application, the land use authority shall interpret and apply the land use regulation to favor the land use application.” By adding specific standards for more than one kitchen in a detached single family dwelling to the LUC Title 108, Chapter 15, the County will be able to regulate that the secondary kitchen is for the benefit of one family and will not be used to turn a detached single family dwelling into a multi-family dwelling. A detached single family dwelling is defined in LUC §101-1-7 as “a building arranged or designed to be occupied exclusively by one family, the structure having only one dwelling unit”. A single-family is defined as “one or more persons related by blood, marriage, or adoption, plus domestic employees serving on the premises, or a group of not more than four persons who need not be so related, living together as a single nonprofit housekeeping unit”. Detached single family dwellings should only be occupied by a single family unit unless authorized by a conditional use permit for an accessory apartment.

Policy Analysis

Detached Single-Family Dwellings are considered a permitted use in most zones in Weber County and it is permissible to have more than one kitchen in the dwelling as long as the dwelling is only being occupied by one family unit. Weber County has had a policy of recording a “Second Kitchen Covenant” when a building permit is being issued that has more than one kitchen to ensure that the dwelling will remain a single family dwelling, however, the LUC does not have specific standards for dwellings with more than one kitchen. By adding provisions for detached single-family dwellings with more than one kitchen, Weber County will adhere to H.B. 232 by adding plain language to the LUC to ensure that one family occupies the single-family dwelling with more than one kitchen.

Conformance to the General Plan

The current one-acre residential zoning dominant in the area is desired, as is the general concept of large lot development. Overall preference is for a continuation of single-family residential development, not high-density development described as apartments or condominiums (see West Central Weber County General Plan Adopted September 23, 2003).

Past Action on this Item

A public hearing was held and public comment was taken during the May 22, 2018 Ogden Valley Planning Commission Meeting.

Noticing Compliance

A hearing for this item was published in compliance with UCA §17-27a-205 and UCA §17-27a-502 in the following manners:

Posted on the County's Official Website

Posted on the Utah Public Notice Website

Published in a local newspaper

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Western Weber Planning Commission recommend approval of the text included as Exhibit B and Exhibit C of this staff report based on the following findings:

1. The changes cause no adverse effect on the intent of the general plans.
2. The clarifications will provide for a more efficient administration of the Land Use Code.
3. The changes will enhance the general welfare of County residents.

Exhibits

- A. Proposed Ordinance – Clean Copy.
- B. Proposed Ordinance – Track Change Copy.