

Future Agenda Item Request Form

Future agenda items should be limited to new issues that emerge during the course of the year that are urgent and cannot wait until the next priority setting session of Council before requiring action.

Name: Wes Speake

Date: 3/12/2025

Title Name/Topic: Explore CMC ordinance changes to set time limits for specific for Temp fencing and boarded up windows

Background

1. What is the purpose for the request i.e. what you are trying to achieve or do?

- At what point is temporary fencing not temporary?
- Can we set a time limit for temporary fencing? The municipal code allows temporary fencing for vacant lots, agricultural areas or similar uses for security purposes. It does not limit the amount of time the fencing can be up because it can be used for more than one purpose. For example, it is unknown when a vacant parcel may be developed, and the temporary fencing is used to deter illegal dumping on the property.
 - Plan amendment or by zone? To impose a time limit, the municipal code would need to be amended.
- Can we set a time limit for boarded up windows? To impose a time limit, the municipal code would need to be amended.
 - Plan amendment or by zone?
- Other communities don't have issues like this, what they doing that we aren't? Staff has not researched the extent of this issue in other cities. But I would venture to guess they do have issues like these.
- What can we do legally to address the appearance of properties? The city follows the regulations provided in the city's Property Maintenance Ordinance, CMC Chapter 8.32. The ordinance does recognize vacant properties and the way they are to be maintained. Buildings or structures, including the premises on which it is located, that have been vacant for more than 90 days do not constitute a public nuisance if the property is being actively maintained and monitored. Active maintenance and monitoring include no unlocked or unsecured vacant buildings and are boarded up by a material or method approved by the Building Official, maintenance of the landscaping, maintenance of the exterior of the building, regular removal of trash, debris and graffiti, the building is in compliance with codes and regulations (structural compliance), and criminal activity is being prevented on the property.

2. What is the scope of the work you wish to see done?

Explore changes to prevent Parkridge and Main from reoccurring or Wells Fargo building build limbo

3. Does this request align with the City's Strategic Plan? How?

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4. What is the desired timeline to have the issue considered by Council?

Soon

5. Is the issue urgent requiring action before the next priority setting session of Council (Fall Workshop)?

Yes

Staff Section (To be completed by staff)

Approximate Staff Time Required: ____ Hours

Approximate Cost: \$ ____