



To: Planning Commission
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TOPIC: Periodic Update: MLMC amendments regarding Enforcement

Requested Action:

Provide feedback and guidance on Enforcement of the Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC).

Key Points:

WAC 365-196-650 describes implementation strategies, one being methods of enforcement.

MLMC Chapter 1.01 – Code Adoption, contains very brief guidance for dealing with violations of the municipal code and was last amended in 2002.

The goal of amending this chapter is to create clear language for when and how enforcement of the municipal code should be managed.

Background Discussion:

Due to minimal guidance in violations of the municipal code, staff must often rely on Chapter 9.10 – Nuisances. This system sometimes limits the City's ability to properly enforce the code and must rely on State regulations to fill the gaps.

Public Involvement:

A public hearing will be held by the City Council. In addition, language will be provided on the City website for review and comment by the public.

Next Steps:

These regulations are not specific to land use development, therefore, a recommendation by Planning Commission is not required. The next step will be a City Council workshop to discuss amendment language on January 6, 2026.