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2/3/26 City Council Meeting

To: City Council

From: Elisa Rodriguez, City Planner

**TOPIC: Periodic Update: MLMC amendments regarding Code Enforcement**

**Requested Action:**

Conduct a public hearing and have a first reading of proposed Ordinance #1141, regarding code enforcement related amendments to the Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC).

**Key Points:**

The proposed ordinance provides clear and concise language in a new chapter (1.21 – Compliance and Enforcement), removed enforcement language in Chapter 1.01 – Code Adoption, and changes corresponding citations throughout the MLMC.

Staff presented draft language to City Council at the January 6, 2026 meeting. The Mayor and Council gave feedback which has been incorporated into the ordinance.

- Added RCW references to the Civil Infraction and Misdemeanor definitions.
- Added "in writing" to 1.21.130(A).
- Changed "planning commission" to "building official" in 14.28.020, .030, and .040. (14.28.040 was not in the draft language)
- Removed escalation to misdemeanor language in 17.39.040.

**Background Discussion:**

This is the fourth public meeting wherein this subject is being discussed. The Planning Commission held a workshop on November 20, 2025. The City Council held an intro workshop on January 21, 2025, and a language workshop on January 6, 2026. The packet for the January 6, 2026 meeting contained a staff report with the draft language.

**Public Involvement:**

Draft language has been provided on the City website for review and comment by the public.

**Next Steps:**

The second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for February 17, 2026