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3/26/2026 Planning Commission Meeting

To: Planning Commission
From: Elisa Rodriguez, Senior Planner
TOPIC: Periodic Update: MLMC amendments regarding Affordable Housing (ADUs)

Requested Action:

Provide a recommendation to City Council regarding amendments adding accessory dwelling units to the Medical Lake Municipal Code (MLMC).

Key Points:

The proposed amendments are to allow accessory dwelling units (ADUs) as an allowed housing type, accessory to a single-family detached house. The proposed language combines State mandates with the community's desires for the future of Medical Lake.

In addition to the above mandates, there is always the goal of amending the code in a manner to create clear and concise language that can be understood by the public and implemented by staff.

Background Discussion:

House Bill 1337 was enacted in 2023 and requires all jurisdictions to allow accessory dwelling units (ADU's) where single-family houses are permitted. There are several very specific regulations that must be adopted into the Municipal Code.

Public Involvement:

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

Next Steps:

The City Council will have a workshop reviewing the language and your recommendation on April 21, 2026, and will hold a hearing to consider an ordinance on May 19, 2026.