



To: City Council  
From: Elisa Rodriguez, Senior Planner  
**TOPIC: Periodic Update: MLMC amendments regarding Affordable Housing (ADUs)**

**Requested Action:**

Conduct a public hearing and a first read for Ordinance #1145, 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. The proposed language combines State mandates with the community's desires for the future of Medical Lake.

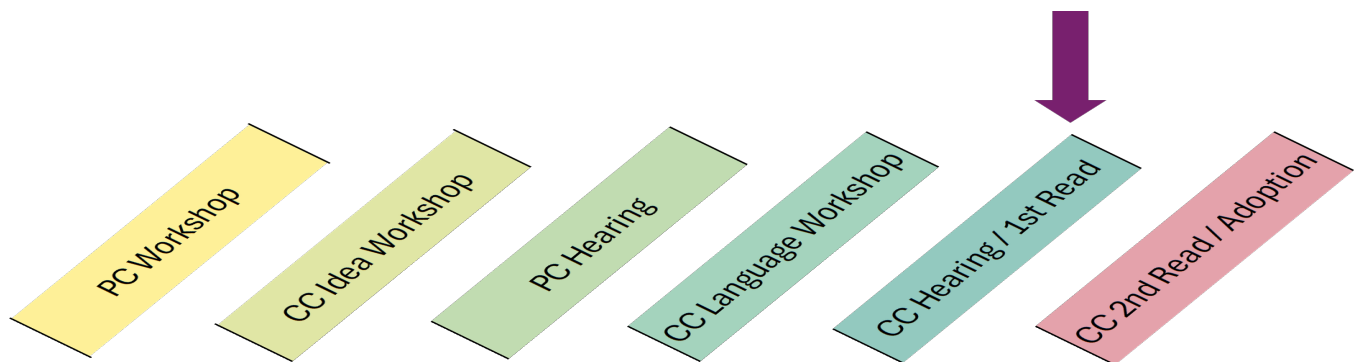
The Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval after holding a public hearing on March 26, 2026.

A staff report is attached that includes the criteria for approval that evaluated by the Planning Commission in determining their recommendation.

**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.

This hearing and first read is step 5 in the 6-meeting process of adopting amendments to the municipal code.



**Public Involvement:**

A public hearing is held with the Planning Commission and the City Council. In addition, language has been provided on the City website for review and comment by the public.

**Next Steps:**

A second read of Ordinance #1145 is scheduled for the June 2, 2026 City Council meeting.