

Boulder City and County

Synopsis of Proposed Changes

Boulder City Council has set out a list of priorities and action item goals for the 2022-2023 term, the priorities affecting land use are as follows:

1. Accessory Dwelling Unit Updates (ADUs) – consideration of an ordinance to remove saturation limits for ADUs within a certain radius to allow for attached or detached ADUs wherever existing requirements are not met
 1. City Council discussion in October 2022
 2. Drafting and adoption of amendments likely to happen between November 2022 and March 2023.
2. Inclusionary Housing – consideration of an ordinance to revise existing inclusionary housing code to focus specifically on increasing middle-income units.
 1. City Council Study Session set for October 27, 2022
 2. Anticipate they will bring the ordinance to City Council in July of 2023.
3. Zoning for Affordable Housing – Consideration of ordinance to increase affordable housing by revising density calculations, reducing parking restrictions and looking at other zoning amendments that could better incentivize smaller, more affordable housing.
 1. Aim to draft options for community review and comment between November 2022 and January 2023.
 2. Hope to adopt code changes between April and July of 2023.

On July 5th, the Boulder County Commissioners heard a recommendation that the Boulder County Parks and Open Space Uncrewed Aerial Systems (UAS) Policy be updated. Four primary revisions were suggested:

1. The new document includes small, detailed changes specific to the new internal UAS Program;
2. The new policy reduces the permit application review period from a maximum of 30 days to 10 business days;
3. Streamlining policies by removing procedural statements and saving them in a separate document; and
4. Changing the final permit review approval authority from Boulder County parks and Open Space Director to the Resource Planning Manager.

On August 4th, the Boulder County Commissioners plan to hold a public hearing on proposed textual amendments to Article 19-500 (Marshall Fire 2021) and Article 4. These amendments are intended to provide an allowance for an Accessory Dwelling to be built as part of Marshall Fire recovery.

Comment Deadlines and Hearing Schedule

Boulder City Council Priorities for 2022 and 2023

See pp: 13-27, August 4th BOCC Agenda Packet