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**From:** Susan Ellinger  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2023 9:42 AM  
**To:** Phil Wuest  
**Subject:** RE: Housing Code Update  
**Attachments:** RE: Housing Action Plan - Proposed Housing Code Amendments

Hi Phil –

My most recent email to Lindsey is attached. Unfortunately, we don't have a timeline established yet but we are working to try to establish one. As you may recall from the hearing, our consultant for the project is out for the entire month of August.

Next steps include preparing considerations and meeting with the code forum group to discuss. That could include one or more meetings. If significant changes are made to the proposed code, it is possible we would need to go back to the planning commission. Then we would be back at council. Each of those steps will take time, so your estimate seems possible.

I am hoping to work out more details and begin scheduling the next forum meeting soon. We will keep you up to date as we move forward.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!



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**Subject:** Housing Code Update

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Hi Susan – Lindsey is out on maternity leave now & I apologize if this question covers ground you already covered with her. Is there an anticipated timeline for when proposed code changes will go back into the formal review/adoption process? If a revised recommendation has to go back through the PC, I'm guessing we're easily into October or November. Is that accurate? I have a property in contract/feasibility where feasibility of

the project hinges on the new code. I'll need to renegotiate our feasibility timeline but would like to give the seller a sense of what kind of timeline we're looking at. Thank you for anything you can share on this front. Phil

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**From:** Susan Ellinger  
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**To:** Lindsey Sonnen  
**Cc:** Jose Alvarez; Jenna Kay  
**Subject:** RE: Housing Action Plan - Proposed Housing Code Amendments

Hi Lindsey –

Unfortunately, we do not have any specific dates outlined for the work at this time. We are currently working to determine a timeline for upcoming tasks. The email below was sent to the Technical Housing Code Forum members:

*Hello Technical Housing Code Forum Members –*

*The phase 1 (middle housing/single-family) batch of code and comprehensive plan amendments were presented to the County Council on July 25. At the hearing, council requested staff and our consultants to complete additional work on the phase 1 proposal with review and consideration by the Technical Housing Code Forum.*

*To meet this request, staff is working with the consultant to prepare additional materials for your discussion, based on Council direction. We will contact you to schedule another phase 1 forum meeting once that work is complete.*

*To allow time to accomplish the work on the phase 1 portion of the project, we are pausing work on phase 2 (multi-family and regulated affordable housing strategies) for the moment. We plan to schedule the next phase 2 meeting of the Technical Housing Code Forum later this year.*

*We truly appreciate your work on the forum and look forward to the next meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!*

We hope to know more in the next few weeks about what a possible schedule might look like. Please do not hesitate to check back in to see what progress we have made.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!



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Hi Lindsey,

Thanks for your note. I'm looping in Susan and Jose, who are more involved with the project at this point than me. They can provide more details in response to your question.

Thanks!  
Jenna



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Good afternoon, Jenna –

I'm curious to know if the County has an updated timeline/schedule for revising the proposed housing code amendments that were not approved by council on July 25<sup>th</sup>. We are eager to provide support/comments and to eventually develop under the new code.

I look forward to learning any updates you may have related to the code amendments (the first batch).

Thank you,  
Lindsey

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