



## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 21, 2009  
**To:** Planning Commission  
**From:** Donna Decker  
**Subject:** **Consideration of Planning Commission Priorities to Process Various Code Amendments**

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The Planning Commission has had an interest in staff processing various Pleasanton Municipal Code amendments in order to clarify, provide process improvements, or add code sections to address community issues as they arise. The allocation of staff resources is determined by the City Council Annual Work Plan/Priorities. Each year, the City Council reviews its work plan and priorities; this will take place in February of 2009.

The process for inclusion of additional priorities by the City Council from the Planning Commission requires a formal request from the Planning Commission in order for the City Council to consider and prioritize them into its Work Plan.

Below are various Code amendments that have been opened addressing various issues within the City:

**PRZ-12, City of Pleasanton (Steve Otto)**

Application to amend the Pleasanton Municipal Code to prohibit wood-burning fireplaces.

*This Code amendment was initiated by staff to respond to new air quality standards from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and to create greater restriction prohibiting the use of wood-burning fireplaces. This Code amendment would implement the policies proposed in the proposed General Plan Update.*

**PRZ-25, City of Pleasanton** (Robin Giffin)

Application to amend the Pleasanton Municipal Code to update Chapter 18.44, Commercial Districts.

*This Code amendment is currently on the list of priorities and is being reviewed internally. It would implement the goals outlined by the development services review teams to streamline and create a more customer-friendly commercial entitlement process.*

**PRZ-31, City of Pleasanton** (Jenny Soo)

Application to amend the Pleasanton Municipal Code to revise the 40-day requirement to hear appeals.

*This Code amendment was initiated by staff in order to clarify conflicting sections of the Code and to require scheduling within 40 days of an item that has been appealed, whereas, the Code currently requires an appeal item to be heard within a 40-day period following the filing of an appeal.*

**PRZ-34, City of Pleasanton** (Rosalind Rondash)

Application to amend the Pleasanton Municipal Code to establish regulations for temporary window signs.

*This Code amendment was initialized by the Planning Commission due to controversy surrounding appropriate temporary window signage displayed for holiday and celebrated events. There has been criticism regarding how much window area should be covered, types of artwork, etc. The Code amendment has been placed on hold because it is not currently prioritized by the City Council, and staff time has not been allocated to process this amendment.*

**PRZ-36, City of Pleasanton** (Rosalind Rondash)

Application to amend the Pleasanton Municipal Code to establish development standards for sports courts.

*This Code amendment is a result of a neighborhood dispute whereby the Pleasanton Municipal Code (PMC) does not provide development standards, a review process, or permitting for sports courts. The Planning Commission held a workshop to review and consider an amendment to the PMC. At that time, the Planning Commission expressed concern that sports courts in the form of hoops, lighting, flatwork (paving), putting greens, baseball batting cages, or any other form of recreational activities other than a swimming pool should not be allowed in the rear yard areas. If the Planning Commission supported this amendment, then it would recommend specific development standard criteria and setbacks ensuring that adjacent neighbors are not impacted either visually, by noise, or congregation of individuals participating in such activities.*

*The Code amendment was placed on hold because it is not currently prioritized by the City Council, and staff time has not been allocated to process this amendment.*

**PRZ-38, City of Pleasanton** (Brian Dolan)

Application to amend the Pleasanton Municipal Code to require the installation of automatic sprinkler systems in residential construction.

*This Code amendment was initiated by the Planning Commission and later placed on the City Council priorities work plan. It is currently under review internally and will be presented to the Planning Commission in the near future for recommendation to the City Council.*

**PRZ-39, City of Pleasanton** (Jenny Soo)

Application to amend sections of Chapter 18.110 (Personal Wireless Service Facilities) of the Pleasanton Municipal Code.

*This Code amendment was initiated by staff in order to update and bring the Pleasanton Municipal Code into compliance with recent State legislation. The Code amendment was placed on hold because it is not currently prioritized by the City Council, and staff time has not been allocated to process this amendment.*

**PRZ-41, City of Pleasanton** (Donna Decker)

Application to amend sections of Chapter 18.68 (Planned Unit Developments) to clarify processing requirements.

*This Code amendment was initiated by staff in order to implement the goals outlined by the development services review teams to streamline and create a more customer-friendly entitlement process and to provide consistency within the Code.*

*The Code amendment was placed on hold because it is not currently prioritized by the City Council, and staff time has not been allocated to process this amendment.*

**PRZ-43, City of Pleasanton** (Jenny Soo)

Application to amend sections of the Pleasanton Municipal Code to update the appropriate sections for consistency to State requirements related to the Massage Ordinance.

*This Code amendment was initiated by staff in order to update and bring the Pleasanton Municipal Code into compliance with recent State legislation. The Code amendment was placed on hold because it is not currently prioritized by the City Council, and staff time has not been allocated to process this amendment.*

Additional code amendments of interest by the Planning Commission include:

- On-street parking restrictions for recreational vehicles that would be more restrictive than the existing 72-hour back-to-back parking on public streets.
- Off-street parking restrictions for recreational vehicle storage establishing additional criteria if allowed or not within neighborhood front, side, and rear yard setback areas.