

## DISCUSSION

### 2026-0017 Proposed Ordinance Amendments

*Mr. McLeod revisited several "housekeeping" ordinance amendments intended to streamline current regulations.*

#### *Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations:*

- Staff researched community standards for EV charging as a primary use and found very few examples, noting San Diego, Seattle, and Ann Arbor as cities that have broached the subject.*
- A primary concern identified was "stacking potential", ensuring there is adequate space for vehicles waiting to use a station.*
- Rather than creating a standalone provision, staff modified the existing fueling ordinance to include EV stations, as many requirements for gas and EV stations are identical.*
- Full EV stations will be brought into play as part of the conditional use review.*

#### *Cat Cafes:*

- The proposed amendment designates cat cafes as a conditional use.*
- Regulations will require that the two primary functions, the actual cafe and the cat area, remain physically separated.*
- Operators must maintain the facility in a clean and appropriate manner.*

#### *Group Homes:*

- Ms. Brnabic questioned the removal of conditional use approval for group homes from the definitions section.*
- Mr. McLeod explained that planners generally avoid regulating through definitions to prevent conflict when amending the ordinance later.*
- The "Use Table", which remains unchanged, still governs the regulation of group homes, keeping smaller facilities as permissible uses and larger ones as conditional uses.*

*Ms. Neubauer pointed out a typographical error on page four, item 13, where "equipment" was misspelled.*

*Mr. Hetrick expressed support for the direction of the amendments, noting they clearly delineate charging stations and animal cafes. A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Neubauer and supported by Ms. Denstaedt.*

**Discussed**