

Memorandum

City of Lawrence-Douglas County

Planning & Development Services

TO: David L. Corliss, City Manager

FROM: Planning Staff

CC: Scott McCullough, Planning and Development Services Director

Date: August 10, 2012

RE: Text Amendment to the Land Development Code regarding Uses in the H (Hospital) District

Please place the following item on the August 14, 2012 Consent Agenda.

This memo requests initiation of a text amendment to the Land Development Code proposed by Lathrop & Gage, LLP on behalf of Lawrence Memorial Hospital. The proposed amendment proposes to change all Permitted Uses (except Hospital) to Accessory Uses in the H District.

History

This request follows discussions earlier this year with LMH & Bert Nash representatives, along with City Staff, regarding changes to the Development Code to accommodate Bert Nash plans to develop a Mental Health Facility. The City Commission recently amended the Development Code to include the new use and definitions for 'Mental Health Facility'. This request is intended to preserve the integrity of the Hospital District for primarily Hospital Uses and to clearly identify that other uses in the district are subordinate to the primary Hospital Use.

This request was submitted to the Planning Office in June and has been included in the legal notice for the August 20th Planning Commission meeting. Section 20-1302 allows text amendments to be initiated by private parties and requires the application to be forwarded to the City Commission for formal initiation.

Action Requested

Initiate a text amendment to Section 20-403 of the Land Development Code to change all Permitted Uses (except Hospital) to Accessory Uses in the H (Hospital) District.