

Bryan Colbourne

From: Susann Kaltwasser <susann@kaltwasser.com>
Sent: Friday, December 30, 2016 5:52 PM
To: Bryan Colbourne
Cc: Sue Fowler
Subject: Re: Proposed Code Amendment for Domestic Violence Shelters

ELNA has one of these and feels these proposed changes would not harm the neighborhood and will be helpful to the shelter providers

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Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 30, 2016, at 11:04 AM, Bryan Colbourne <BColbourne@cityofsalem.net> wrote:

To All Neighborhood Association Chairs and Land Use Chairs,

The City of Salem is considering zoning code amendments that change how domestic violence shelters are allowed under the zoning code. The proposal only relates to non-profit shelters for victims of domestic violence. The following code changes are proposed:

1. Allow domestic violence shelters serving 5 or fewer people as a permitted use in the RS (Single Family Residential) and RD (Duplex Residential) zones, where they are a conditional use currently;
2. Removes the requirement that domestic violence shelters have frontage on an arterial or collector street in the RS (Single Family Residential) zone; and
3. Allows domestic violence shelters serving up to 10 people as a permitted use in the RM1 and RM2 (Multiple Family Residential) zones.

The maximum number of people served includes adults and children (i.e. a woman with her two children residing at a shelter would be counted as 3 people).

Shelters for victims of domestic violence typically appear like a regular residential dwelling because their occupants are usually women and children trying to keep a low profile while re-establishing their lives so they can move on to more permanent living arrangements. In this way, domestic violence shelters are quite different from other types of non-profit shelters such as rehab shelters and homeless shelters.

The proposed changes are being considered in order to help small domestic violence shelters avoid the publicity of a conditional use permit hearing process, which would defeat the purpose of these types of shelters to keep a safe low-profile location for victims trying to flee from unsafe domestic situations.

City Staff are available to come to your neighborhood association meeting in January or February to answer any questions about the proposal, and receive feedback from the community about the proposed code amendments. A public hearing on the proposal is anticipated in late February or March 2017.

If you would like City Staff to attend your January or February neighborhood meeting to discuss this matter, please contact **Bryan Colbourne, Planner III**, at **503-540-2363** or bcolbourne@cityofsalem.net.

Thanks,
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