



## Staff Report

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Steve Powers, City Manager

**FROM:** Norman Wright, Community Development Director

**SUBJECT:**

Unified Development Code Update

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Result Area(s): Good Governance; Welcoming and Livable Community

**ISSUE:**

Shall the City Council conduct second reading of Engrossed Ordinance Bill No. 6-19, adopting amendments to the Unified Development Code and other chapters of the Salem Revised Code?

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Conduct second reading of Engrossed Ordinance Bill No. 6-19, adopting amendments to the Unified Development Code and other chapters of the Salem Revised Code.

**SUMMARY AND BACKGROUND:**

Engrossed Ordinance Bill No. 6-19 updates the Unified Development Code (UDC) and other identified chapters of the Salem Revised Code (SRC) to address issues that have arisen since the last major update to the UDC in 2016. It includes minor amendments as well as policy-related changes that respond to concerns from City Council, the community, changes in State law, and issues identified by staff. Examples of proposed changes include increasing public notice of potential development projects, enhancing bike parking standards, allows the keeping of bees and ducks more broadly in Salem, and improving standards for pedestrian connections to and through development sites.

The proposed code amendments include changes to the property maintenance code (SRC Chapter 50), neighborhood plan adoption process (SRC Chapter 64), definitions (SRC Chapter 111), land use procedures (SRC Chapter 300), use classifications (SRC Chapter 400), general development

standards (SRC Chapter 800), off-street parking requirements (SRC Chapter 806), and various zone, overlay zone, and other chapters.

## **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

Engrossed Ordinance Bill No 6-19 (**Attachment 1**) amends the Unified Development Code (UDC) and other identified chapters of the Salem Revised Code. The engrossed ordinance includes the original proposed amendments identified during the May 13, 2019, City Council public hearing and further incorporates the additional recommended engrossments identified in the May 13, 2019, and June 10, 2019, City Council staff reports.

The amendments, which include the engrossments, are included in Exhibit A to the engrossed ordinance (**Attachment 2**). Findings demonstrating conformance of the amendments with the applicable approval criteria of SRC 110.085(b) are included as Exhibit B to the engrossed ordinance (**Attachment 3**).

## **BACKGROUND:**

In 2014, the Unified Development Code (UDC) was completed and adopted as part of the Salem Revised Code (SRC Title X). The UDC was a complete reorganization and update of Salem's development codes. The UDC was adopted with the expectation that periodic updates and amendments would be made to ensure that any unanticipated concerns with the provisions of the UDC were regularly reviewed and addressed.

Bryce Bishop  
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### **Attachments:**

1. Engrossed Ordinance Bill No. 6-19
2. Exhibit A to Engrossed Ordinance Bill No. 6-19 - Amendments
3. Exhibit B to Engrossed Ordinance Bill No. 6-19 - Findings