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Subject:

Review and discussion of proposed draft of an outdoor-storage ordinance.

Details:

This proposed ordinance was originally instigated by Alderman Andy Reiland, in response to actual complaints he received from his constituents. Since Andy's departure from the Council, this proposal is being sponsored by Alderman Vance Skinner, who is interested because of actual conditions he has observed in his district.

This draft is the result of reviewing outdoor-storage ordinances from around the country. Former Chief Building Inspector Mike Mazmanian did a lot of that research. We found the ordinances in Cincinnati and San Diego in particular to be good references for us. The language of our draft was tailored to specific complaints and conditions observed in the City. Before anyone asks, this is not an example of "an answer in search of a question," this is a reaction to real-world situations.

This proposal will require a lot of policy decision making on the part of the committee and the Council. The end result will be a balance between the rights of citizens to use their private property as they see fit, and the rights of their neighbors not to be adversely affected by that use. We believe the draft is a good balance of those competing rights.

The draft contains notes and annotations, please refer to it for further details.

Options & Alternatives:

Leave Municipal Code §17.04, which contains the general rules for property maintenance, as-is. Section 17.04 does not address outdoor storage with the detail and specificity that the proposed draft does.

Financial Remarks:

There are no financial impacts.

Staff Recommendation:

Review the draft, discuss revisions, and make a recommendation to the Common Council.