



MEMORANDUM

PLANNING DIVISION
DEPARTMENT of COMMUNITY and NEIGHBORHOODS

To: Mayor Erin Mendenhall

Cc: Lisa Shaffer, Chief Administrative Officer; Blake Thomas, Department of Community and Neighborhoods Director; Michaela Oktay, Deputy Planning Director

From: Nick Norris, Planning Director

Date: April 10, 2023

Re: Amendments related to gas stations located near water sources and sensitive lands

The Planning Division is requesting that you initiate a zoning text amendment to analyze the zoning districts where gas stations are allowed in the city and prohibit the use when in close proximity to water bodies, water resources, ground water recharge areas, and public parks. This action is necessary to further the legitimate government interest in protecting rivers, creeks, streams and other water bodies in the city and increasing the protection of the ground water protection areas. This action will also further the role that parks and open spaces provide in creating large areas where ground water can be recharged.


This proposal will propose minimum distances that any gas station can be from a river, stream, or other water body, a park or open space area over a certain size, and establish more stringent zoning standards for any gas station that is located in the secondary ground water recharge area of the city. Determining the minimum separation and standards will be coordinated with Public Utilities to ensure that best practices for managing water impacts from gas stations can be included in the city's zoning code.

The public process will include a minimum 45-day public input period before the Planning Commission holds a public hearing. All registered recognized organizations will be notified of the proposal.

This memo includes a signature block to initiate the petition if that is the decided course of action. If the decided course of action is to not initiate the application, the signature block can remain blank. Please notify the Planning Division when the memo is signed or if the decision is made to not initiate the petition.

Please contact me at ext. 6173 or nick.norris@slcgov.com if you have any questions. Thank you.

Concurrence to initiate the zoning text amendment petition as noted above.


Erin Mendenhall (Apr 11, 2023 10:33 MDT)

Erin Mendenhall, Mayor

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