

**ITEM NO. 4      TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PARKING SPACE PER BEDROOM STANDARD (SDM)**

**TA-2-1-12:** Consider a text amendment to the Land Development Code to revise the minimum amount of area of a structure needed to be eligible for a .5 parking space per bedroom standard from 3,500 square feet to 4,500 square feet. *Initiated by City Commission on 1/24/12.*

**STAFF PRESENTATION**

Mr. Scott McCullough presented the item.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Ms. Candice Davis, Oread Residents Association, said they supported the suggestion by the City Commission. She thanked Commissioner Hird that he brought up gross square footage and how much simpler it would be to calculate. She said that the exception should be a small one. She felt it was important to respect the one parking space per bedroom. She felt it would provide equity and balance in the neighborhood.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION**

Commissioner Finkeldei said this was the direction of City Commission and he would support it.

**ACTION TAKEN**

Motioned by Commissioner Finkeldei, seconded by Commissioner Britton, to approve the text amendment, TA-2-1-12, as presented in the staff report.

Commissioner Burger said her husband and business associate own a piece of property that might be impacted by this but she was not sure how large it was. She said it was on Indiana Street. She said she did not personally have any issue with voting on the matter objectively but she would abstain if needed.

Commissioner Larkin asked if it was a business or residence.

Commissioner Burger said it was a rental property on Indiana Street.

Commissioner Larkin said there may be a conflict.

Commissioner Hird said the prudent thing to do would be to abstain.

*Commissioner Burger left the room.*

Commissioner Belt thanked the neighbors for their persistence.

Motion carried 7-0-1, with Commissioner Burger abstaining.