

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

DATE:

OCTOBER 23, 2013

NEW BUSINESS

SUBJECT:

INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE PALM SPRINGS ZONING COD REGARDING PARKING FOR

HISTORIC STUCTURES

CONCURRENT PROCESSING OF LINKED PROJECTS.

FROM:

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SERVICES

<u>SUMMARY</u>

The Planning Commission will consider directing staff to study the current Zoning Code requirements regarding parking for historic buildings and processing matters.

RECOMMENDATION:

Initiate a Zone Text Amendment regarding matters pertaining to parking for buildings and refer to the Historic Site Preservation Board for comment.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Not requiring additional parking for re-tenanting designated structures provides an incentive to re-tenant buildings thereby lessening the time they remain vacant.

Additionally, the current procedure for matters for which Planning Commission final action is that they do not move forward to City Council, while rezoning or General Plan Amendment or maps would do so. It is common practice for linked matters to move together through the approval process so that the City Council may hear all items together.

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