



City of Sidney, MT
Zoning/Board of Adjustment Meeting
March 12, 2025 8:00 AM
115 2nd Street SE | Sidney, MT 59270

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1. **New Business**

a. **Public Hearing-Zoning Code Update for maximum fence height in B-1 Zone and prohibited fence materials in all zone**

Visitors: Clerk/Treasurer Chamberlin, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Shanks, City Planner Sanderson

Chairman Seitz opened up the Zoning Board meeting this morning at 8:00am, to further discuss the Zoning Code Updates that City Planner Sanderson and Building Inspector Rasmussen made. City Planner Sanderson stated that when the city adopted the new zoning codes five and a half years ago that there were certain issues with fencing maintenance and regulations that have occurred withing the City of Sidney. City Planner stated that he was not going to read through the whole staffing report but, rather just summarize the staff report with the other zoning code members.

City Planner Sanderson said that his recommendation is that the Zoning Board adopts the planning staff report with the revisions per City Planner Sanderson. Chairman Seitz asked City Planner Sanderson what he meant when he mentions the word teeth? City Planner Sanderson said that it basically meant that when the Building Inspector provides enough specifics, so that when the building inspector arrives to a site and it does not meet standard, the standard exists in the code so it can become enforceable.

Mr. Meldahl asked that if salvage material for fencing all must be the same color or could someone paint an American flag on the side of their fence, City Planner Sanderson stated that Building Inspector Rasmussen would know that answer but, City Planner did say that the problem with salvage material is that it may come in all different colors and it would not look uniformed or have consistency to the materials. City Planner said that if you went to a lumber or hardware store and saw cedar panel lumber it may be slightly different color, but it still looks like it is close to the same color. Building Inspector Rasmussen mentioned he is completely okay with how the code is worded in the salvage section in the code book.

Chairman Seitz opened up the public hearing for the zoning code update at 8:10am and called for any proponents three times, and no proponents did not come forward or via zoom. Chairman Seitz called for any opponents three times, and no opponents did not come forward or via zoom, Chairman Seitz then closed the public hearing at 8:11am for zoning code update.

Mr. Meldahl made a motion to accept the findings as it was presented to the board from City Planner Sanderson, and Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Motion made by Meldahl, Seconded by Smith.

Voting Yea: Seitz

City Planner stated that he will take the recommendation from the Zoning Board and present it to the City Council on Monday March 17th, 2025.

Adjourned at 8:13am.