

Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Cooperative Sober Living Residence



Create and define a new use called “Cooperative Sober Living Residence” to be allowed by special use permit in the following districts:

R-1, R-2, both R-3s, R-4, R-5, R-6, R-7, R-8,
MX-U, B-1, B-2, M-1, and U-R.

At the September 13, 2022 City Council Meeting

Options considered:

1. To create a “group home” use permitted by special use permit, OR
2. To create a “group home” use permitted after administrative review and approval of a request by staff.

Proposed New Use

Cooperative Sober Living Residence: A dwelling unit occupied by multiple unrelated residents in recovery from chemical dependency and considered handicapped under the Federal Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988 that provides a non-institutional residential environment in which the residents willingly subject themselves to rules and conditions intended to encourage and sustain their recovery. Residents of a cooperative sober living residence are similar to a family unit, and share kitchen facilities and other common areas of the unit. Cooperative sober living residences do not provide on-site supportive services to residents.

To be allowed with approved SUP:

R-1, R-2, both R-3s, R-4, R-5, R-6, R-7, R-8, MX-U, B-1, B-2, M-1, and U-R.

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Recommendation

Staff recommended approval of the Ordinance amendments.

However, Planning Commission (7-0) recommended denial.

