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**BOULDER COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BUSINESS MEETING**

January 9, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

All Commissioners' public hearings and meetings will be offered in a hybrid format where attendees can join through **Zoom** or **in-person** at the Boulder County Courthouse, 3rd Floor, 1325 Pearl Street, Boulder.

Authorization under Article 16-100.A of the Boulder County Land Use Code for Text Amendments to the Land Use Code related to Article 4-517.H Temporary Fireworks and Christmas Tree Sales use.

STAFF: Cayley Byrne, Long Range Planner I

Public testimony will not be taken — action requested.

SUMMARY

Staff requests authorization to pursue a text amendment to the Boulder County Land Use Code (the Code) related to Temporary Fireworks and Christmas Tree Sales (Article 4-517.H) and any other related Articles and provisions necessary to integrate these changes.

As a result of concerns raised by the Board of County Commissioners and the Boulder County Sheriff's Office related to fireworks sales in unincorporated Boulder County given wildfire danger in the community, Community Planning & Permitting staff are considering an amendment to the existing regulations in the Land Use Code to disallow the fireworks sales use. The potential amendment would strike all language concerning Temporary Fireworks Sales from Article 4-517.H, leaving allowances for Temporary Christmas Tree Sales.

Staff intend to update relevant content in Article 4-517.H (Zoning) of the Code and will make any other revisions necessary to other parts of the Code to integrate the changes. Some organizational changes and updates to the existing language may also be necessary to make the Code easier to navigate and utilize.

The tentative timeline for this code update is as follows:

1. Authorization: January 9, 2024
2. Public Engagement: Completed by end of January, 2024
 - a. Notify current temporary fireworks sales permit-holders.

3. Planning Commission Public Hearing: mid-February, 2024
4. Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing: mid-March, 2024

ACTION REQUESTED

Staff request authorization from the Board of County Commissioners to pursue the amendment to the Boulder County Land Use Code Article 4 related to Temporary Fireworks Sales and any related provisions as necessary to integrate these changes.