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SUBJECT: Accessory Dwelling Unit Accelerator
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PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

This Government Performance and Finance Committee (GPFC) briefing on October 4, 2022 is the fourth in a series of Committee briefings on the City's activities to support Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). This briefing will be an opportunity for the Committee to consider making any specific recommendations to the full City Council on actions to support and accelerate detached ADU (DADU) production.

BACKGROUND:

This briefing follows the September 20, 2022 Committee briefing. At that time, Planning and Development Services (PDS) staff summarized the range of possible actions explored at GPFC, and suggested the Committee consider parsing the range of possibilities as a three-part grouping of actions to be considered as a short-, mid-, and longer-term cumulative effort.

ISSUE:

Most immediately, the City Council could take action through the upcoming 2023-2024 budget process, accelerating ADUs by investing in the "building blocks" of preapproved DADU plans and adding site planning assistance capacity in PDS.

As the second, mid-term implementation step, Tacoma Public Utilities, Environmental Services, and/or Public Works would need to be fully engaged were the City to implement reimbursements for any fees, connection charges, and/or infrastructure extensions. GPFC Chair Hines has indicated interest in engaging in this conversation in the winter months of late 2022 and early 2023.

As a longer-term and more complex effort, the City could layer on additional support, with an emphasis centered on the particular needs and concerns of resource-constrained homeowners. This would require additional engagement and effort as external partners are aligned and/or additional funding is secured.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.