

4. [17-1106](#) Recommend that City Council adopt an ordinance to amend Sunnyvale Municipal Code Section 19.68.040 (Accessory dwelling units) and find that the action is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Public Resources Code 21080.17.

Assistant Planner Shila Behzadiaria presented the staff report.

Planning Officer Andrew Miner commented that the proposed changes are solely to be consistent with the changes to the state law.

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Chair Rheume closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION: Vice Chair Weiss moved and Commissioner Howe seconded the motion for Alternative 1 – Make the finding that the action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080.17 and introduce an Ordinance (Attachment 2 to this report) to adopt the proposed amendments to Sunnyvale Municipal Code Section 19.68.040 (Accessory Dwelling Units).

Vice Chair Weiss stated that these changes will clear up any inconsistency with state law and that the clarification will make it easier to implement.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Rheume
Vice Chair Weiss
Commissioner Harrison
Commissioner Howard
Commissioner Howe
Commissioner Olevson
Commissioner Simons

No: 0

Planning Officer Miner advised that this item goes to the City Council on February 6th, 2018.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

Chair Rheume asked staff how landscaping design takes utilities such as backflow preventers and utility cabinets into consideration. Planning Officer Miner stated that