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RE: Minutes of the September 25, 1992 Code Interpretation Meeting

Present: Harold Vandergriff, Ken Dinsmore, Jeff O'Neill, Jerry Balcom, Gordon Thomson, Henryk Hiller, Gary Kohler

1. A "church" is defined as a principal place of religious worship with accessory uses in the main building or separate structures "including" Sunday school rooms and other listed uses (K.C.C. 21.04.200). Is the list of accessory uses following the word "including" an exclusive list?

No. The list of accessory uses in K.C.C. 21.04.200 is a nonexclusive list of examples. This is supported by the fact that there is a specific exclusion for accessory training facilities for religious orders. As a result, unlisted accessory uses which are not specifically excluded, such as church offices, may be part of the church use.

Note that accessory church offices, for example, would still be subject to the code's bulk and design standards. The church and its accessory structures must meet all applicable lot coverage and setback standards (the special lot coverage and setback standards in K.C.C. 21.08.040(C) apply to all buildings and structures on the site), and the offices, like all accessory uses, are considered separate uses for parking requirements (although shared parking may be available) (K.C.C. 21.50.040(D), 21.50.050).

2. Is there a limit to the total number of accessory offices that a church can have on site as part of the "church" use?

The code does not contain a specific limit on the number of offices, although all of the offices must be accessory (i.e., subordinate and incidental) to the principal use or building. See K.C.C. 21.04.005.



3. **What connection must the use of accessory church offices have to the church itself?**

The church offices must be accessory to the principal church use on that site. The offices cannot, for example, be leased to the general public or serve a detached church activity located on a separate site. Administrative offices serving the larger Church community would be its own principal use and would not be accessory to one specific church.

4. **Legislative update.**

a) The vesting ordinance is still in GMHE and is not yet scheduled for committee hearings.

b) An ordinance to clarify the definition of "clearing" activities and to exempt from SAO restrictions those clearing activities that are exempt from clearing permit requirements has been transmitted to the council. This ordinance is part of the resolution of issues related to clearing in steep slope view corridors. The other part of that resolution is the public rule regarding clearing in those areas, which has now gone through intra- and interagency review and will go out for public comment shortly.

5. **Minutes Notebooks.**

Now that the minutes notebooks are out, we will be sending around separate updates for them about once per month. The updates will include copies of the minutes issued during that month as well as updated indexes. You can use this memo in the interim as a reminder of how the issues were addressed at the meeting and to make any requests to revisit an issue.

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