

**TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

**FROM: JON RADERMACHER City Administrator**

**SUBJECT: Ordinance Amendment - Fairgrounds**

**MEETING DATE: March 18, 2025**

**BACKGROUND**

On Wednesday, Mayor Montgomery, Council Member Jeppesen, and I met with Ferlin Miller and two members of the Fair Board to discuss the racetrack. We have established a path forward. We will request a zoning amendment for the fairgrounds that prohibits motorized racing on the racetrack but allows fair activities that were conducted prior to the installation of the racetrack, such as demolition derbies, horse racing, and RV storage.

We feel that the Fair Board has satisfied the intent to cease the activities that do not comply with the R-2 Zoning District. If the Council agrees, we will move forward with a zoning amendment that allows for RV Storage and camping, but not motorized racing. Again, if authorized to move forward with the ordinance amendment, the compliance letter will no longer be enforced as the violations would no longer be a problem in a future zoning district.

We request authorization from the City Council for staff to work with the City Attorney and the Fair Board attorney to establish a new zoning specific to the fairgrounds, which allows fair activities, and activities that have taken place on the fairgrounds prior to the construction of the motorized racetrack. We felt a specific fairground zoning district is warranted, as the fairgrounds offer unique, historic, and valued activities to our community, and to preserve those activities now and in the future a zoning amendment would be necessary.

The zoning amendment will still follow the same procedures, including a public hearing and planning commission approval prior to coming before the City Council.

**REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION**

Authorize staff and the City Attorney to work on an ordinance amendment for the fairgrounds.