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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 27.3.C OF THE DULUTH CITY CODE REGARDING SCREENING OF COMMERCIAL CONTAINERS.

CITY PROPOSAL:

The city of Duluth does ordain:

Section 1: That Chapter 50, Article IV, Section 27.3.C of the Duluth City Code is hereby amended as follows:

1. Not adjacent to structure wall.

Commercial containers that are not located adjacent to a wall of an existing principal or accessory structure shall be screened from view as follows:

(a) On three sides with a an opaque wall constructed of masonry, brick, wood, stone, or similar durable, weather resistant material and at least as tall as the container being screened;

(b) On the fourth side a gate constructed of wood or metal an opaque, durable material and at least as tall as the container being screened;

2. Adjacent to structure wall.

Commercial containers that are located adjacent to a wall of an existing principal or accessory structure shall be screened from view as follows:

(a) On two sides with a wall that is (1) constructed of an opaque the same principal materials and colors used on the wall of the principal or accessory building that forms the third wall of the enclosure durable weather resistant material, or dense vegetation and (2) at least as tall as the container being screened; and (3) in compliance with applicable fire and building codes;

(b) On the fourth side a gate constructed of an opaque wood or metal durable material and at least as tall as the container being screened.

Section 2: That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days from and after its passage and publication.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

This ordinance implements a UDC text amendment related to Duluth City Code Chapter 50, Article IV, Section

27.3.C regarding screening standards for exterior commercial containers to add flexibility to screening material requirements and ease the burden of development.

The planning commission held a public hearing and considered the changes at a Tuesday, June 10, 2025, planning commission meeting, as documented in Attachment 2. The commission voted 6 yeas, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, to recommend that the city council approve the proposed text change.