



**STAFF REPORT**

**CASE FILE: Ordinance #18-432**

**DATE FILED: 12/12/2018**

**HEARING DATE: 01/09/2019**

**CITY OF ROCKAWAY BEACH**

**CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

**REQUEST:** City staff requests that City Council adopt and approve several amendments to the Rockaway Beach Zoning Ordinance. These recommended amendments were developed through conversations with City staff, Planning Commission, and members of the public, as well as planners' work and experience interpreting and administering the existing code. Recommended code amendments and the reasoning for each can be found attached to this report.

**A. REPORT OF FACTS:**

The following is a summary of the facts and testimony found to be relevant to this decision.

1. Planning Commission has worked with City staff to produce recommended code amendments and supports the changes as written.
2. Proposed amendments were presented to the Rockaway Beach community at a March 2018 Open House, where attendees were given the opportunity to provide feedback. There were 40 attendees at the Open House. Further feedback was received through an online survey made available March 16, 2018 through May 11, 2018. The survey received 97 responses. This feedback was presented to Planning Commission, who recommended changes to the proposed amendments based upon the information gathered.
3. Public noticing for this hearing has been completed in accordance with City and State requirements.

**B. Conclusion:**

Adoption of the recommended amendments to the Rockaway Beach Zoning Ordinance will increase clarity and ease of use of the document for City staff and community members alike. The recommendations are supported by Planning Commission and have been informed by public feedback. Staff recommends that City Council approve and adopt the recommended code amendments as written (see attached).

Submitted by:

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