

AGENDA
STUDY SESSION MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
VIRTUAL MEETING
CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COLORADO
VIRTUAL MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2025
7:00 PM

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ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

ITEM 3 – YIGBY AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE

ITEM 4 – COMMITTEE REPORTS

ITEM 5 – ADJOURNMENT

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STAFF MEMO

DATE OF MEETING: AUGUST 18, 2025 / AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Travis Parker, Chief of the Sustainability & Community Development Branch
Subject: **YIGBY Amendment to the Zoning Code**

SUMMARY STATEMENT: Councilmember Low has proposed an amendment to the zoning code to allow affordable housing to be built on land owned by religious institutions even where not otherwise allowed in the zone.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Colorado legislature considered a bill in the 2025 session entitled "Yes in God's Backyard" (YIGBY) that would have allowed affordable housing to be developed on land owned by religious organizations, regardless of other zoning limitations. The statewide initiative did not pass, but this proposal would adopt similar standards for Lakewood.

BUDGETARY IMPACTS: None

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: None

ALTERNATIVES: City Council could adopt, amend, or deny this proposal.

PUBLIC OUTREACH: This item has been promoted through the regular communication channels to be considered by the Lakewood City Council.

NEXT STEPS: None

ATTACHMENTS: None

REVIEWED BY: Kathleen E. Hodgson, City Manager
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Alison McKenney Brown, City Attorney