



CITY OF ARANSAS PASS

AGENDA MEMORANDUM
for the City Council Meeting of March 5, 2018

Date: March 1, 2018
To: Honorable Mayor and Council
From: Katherine A. Comeaux, Development Services

Consider and act text an amendment to the Aransas Pass Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5 – Building and Construction, Article I – In General, Section 5-2 – Amendments to and modifications of Building Code; Amending requirements for windstorm inspections on accessory buildings.

PURPOSE:

To amend the requirements for windstorm certification inspections on non-residential, detached accessory structures.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

The City of Aransas Pass Code of Ordinances currently requires a WPI-1 for any structure large enough to necessitate a permit. This means that for accessory buildings, such as sheds, an inspection by a windstorm engineer is required to certify that the structure meets the building standards of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association necessary for a WPI-8. A WPI-8 certifies that the structure can withstand the high winds of the Texas coast and is issued by the Texas Department of Insurance.

Staff is recommending amending this provision so as to exempt non-residential, detached accessory structures. Accessory buildings such as sheds, storage buildings, and detached carports are not only largely uninsurable, but are difficult to be certified to the level of a WPI-8.

ALTERNATIVES:

Denying proposed text amendments.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed text amendments