

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Chairperson Tanner Aiken called the meeting of the City Planning Commission to order on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers Room #310 on the third floor of the City & County Government Center. Members present were Tanner Aiken, Kyle Jamison, Scot Leddy, Jacob Limmer, Roger Solum, and Debra Spear. Nick Schmeichel was absent. Also present were Community Development Director Michael Struck and City Planner Ryan Miller. Also present were Todd Fergen, George Houtman, Scott Thompson, Daniel Rhody, Lyle Pudwill, Lynda Pierce and Kellan Bludorn.

Item #6b – The City of Brookings proposed amendments to the City’s zoning ordinances located in Chapter 94, Article VI, Division 3, pertaining to Sec. 94-395 related to the regulations on porches, decks and platforms within required yard areas.

(Solum/Spear) Motion to remove item from the table. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Solum/Jamison) Motion to amend item #5 of zoning ordinance amendment and add stairs “or ramps.” All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Motion made 8/6/24) Motion to approve the amendments to the regulations for porches, decks and platforms within side yard areas. All present voted aye. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OFFICIAL SUMMARY

Item #6b – The new ordinance will read:

- (a) Open, unenclosed porches, decks and platforms may project into a required yard area as follows:
- (1) Ground and entry level porches, decks and platforms may project into the front yard no more than ten feet and in no case may be closer than ten feet from the front lot line.
 - (2) Porches decks and platforms leading to the second story and above may project into the front yard no more than 6 feet and in no case may be closer than fourteen feet from the front lot line.
 - (3) Attached porches, decks and platforms may project into the side yard setback no more than four feet. Detached porches, decks and platforms may not encroach into the side yard setback.
 - (4) Attached porches, decks and platforms may encroach into the rear yard setback a distance not greater than 20 percent of the minimum required setback. Detached porches, decks and platforms may not encroach into the rear yard setback.
 - (5) Stairs leading to an approved porch, deck or platform may exceed the allowable projections described in Sec. 94-395.(a).

Solum inquired if handicap ramps should be included in item #5. Miller stated that would be the proper location to add that.