

**BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026,
BUFFALO CITY MUNICIPAL BUILDING – 6 PM**

The Buffalo City Building Committee was called to order by Chair George Fuller. Present: Mayor Ben Holien, Hank Rollinger and Fuller. Also present City Clerk Jenny Ehlenfeldt.

The Committee discussed potential changes to the zoning ordinance concerning height of a detached garage, size, description and set back of an accessory building; yard space when it relates to accessory and detached garages; set back from alley; and description of set backs.

350-4 (7)(a) the required yard space was discussed. Committee feels this should remain in the ordinance with some clarifications.

350-4 (7)(b) height of detached garages was discussed. Fuller said he would like to see this raised to 23' to meet the standards of most garages being built today. Committee agreed. Set back that includes confusing wording on a 10' setback from alley with access or 25' without will be cleared up. Committee recommendation that the setback from the alley for a detached garage be set at a consistent 10'

Accessory Building Definition – Committee would like to change the size of an accessory building to 12x25 feet or 288 square feet and take out wording about not for vehicle storage.

Yard, Front Definition – Committee would like to rename this definition to Yard, Street Setback to further emphasize this setback is for all yards that abut streets

Yard, Rear Definition – Committee would like to rename this definition to Yard, Alley Setback to ensure the understanding that these are setbacks from the city owned alleys

Yard, Side Definition – Committee would like to rename this definition to Yard,

Neighboring/Side Yard Setback to clarify this as any lot line that is shared with a neighboring property owner.

A copy of the proposed changes will be presented to the full council at the September meeting for review with plans to hold a public hearing prior to the October meeting after which changes can be considered by the council.

Motion Holien, second Rollinger to adjourn the meeting. All yes, motion carried.

For the Building Committee

Jenny Ehlenfeldt, Clerk