

**CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN  
CITY PLAN COMMISSION  
REPORT  
November 29, 2021**

➤ **AGENDA ITEM – 21-1569 (Tim Acklin)**

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 115-146(b) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse increasing the permitted height of buildings in the R5-Multiple Dwelling Districts.

➤ **ROUTING:** J&A 11.30.2021

➤ **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The proposed amendment will increase the permitted height of a building from three stories to four stories and overall height from 45ft to 55ft. The intent of this amendment is to reduce the disparity in height between the R5 zoning district (three stories/45ft) and the R6 zoning district (ten stories/100ft). This amendment will also allow for opportunities to provide additional housing units in the city.

Height and stories are measured from grade. A five-story building that is less than 55ft would not be permitted under this amendment. A four-story building with half a story below grade would be considered a 3 ½ stories.

There are currently 834 tax parcels with an R5 zoning district in the city of La Crosse.

➤ **GENERAL LOCATION:**

City Wide

➤ **RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:** None

➤ **CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:** N/A

➤ **PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:**

**This item is recommended for approval.**