

**CITY OF LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN
CITY PLAN COMMISSION
REPORT
May 31, 2016**

➤ **AGENDA ITEM - 16-0471 (Tim Acklin)**

AN ORDINANCE to create Section 115-347(7) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of La Crosse allowing for general garages for minor automobile repair services in the C1-Local Business zoning district by a Conditional Use Permit.

➤ **ROUTING:** J&A Committee

➤ **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The proposed Ordinance would allow for general garages for minor automobile repair services by Conditional Use Permit in the C1-Local Business zoning District. This Ordinance defines minor automobile repair services as repairs and servicing that produce relatively low levels of noise, vibration, and fumes. More specifically, they include the following types of repairs to motor vehicles of a gross vehicle weight of no more than 6,000 pounds:

1. Motor vehicle maintenance that is limited to such activities as:
 - (i) Car washing
 - (ii) Addition of fluids
 - (iii) Wiper blade replacement
 - (iv) Electrical charging
2. Air conditioning, starting and charging service;
3. Engine oil changes, fluids replacement;
4. Automotive electrical work and diagnostics other than audio sound system installation;
5. Upholstery work;
6. Windshield and glass installation;
7. Tune-ups, diagnostics; spark plug replacement, emission control service;
8. Other repairs of a similar nature with respect to impacts on nearby properties.

The proposed Ordinance also provides provisions when reviewing requests for CUP's for this use. These provisions include fences when near residential zoning, hours of operation, site design, building design, outdoor storage, and overnight parking. A copy of the Ordinance is attached as part of the legislation.

➤ **GENERAL LOCATION:**

City Wide in C1-Local Business zoning districts

➤ **RECOMMENDATION OF OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

N/A

➤ **CONSISTENCY WITH ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:**

N/A

➤ **PLANNING RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is usually not in support of creating new ordinances that would regulate/pertain to an individual request. However, with the ever changing technology in automobiles that can be serviced/repared without the use of loud or noisy equipment this ordinance would be beneficial for anticipated future requests for this type of business. **This ORDINANCE is recommended for approval.**