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MEMORANDUM

To : Tony Plante, Town Manager
From : Brent Libby, Fire-Rescue Chief
Date : September 24, 2018
Re : Chapter 95 – Fire Prevention Code

As requested the Code Enforcement Director and I have reviewed and compared the 2010 version of Chapter 95 with the 2016 version of Chapter 95.

We found that in the 2010 version had previously had an exception that referred to the 1999 edition of BOCA Use Group U. Utility and Miscellaneous. This use group covers Agricultural buildings, barns, carports, grain silo, stables, livestock shelters, detached private garages and green houses. While the state no longer uses BOCA the 2015 IBC does have the same use group in Section 312 Utility and Miscellaneous Group U. This group covers Agricultural buildings, Aircraft hangers, accessory to one –or two –family residence, barns, carports, fences more than 6 feet in height, grain silos that are accessory to a residential occupancy, greenhouses, livestock shelters, private garages, retaining walls, sheds, stables, tanks and towers.

I believe if we add this as an exception to 95.4.1 we will be able to accomplish what the council is looking for. I am comfortable with this exclusion as the life safety implications in these uses are very low.

During our discussion with the council we should also consider adding language to Chapter 95 that provides reference to any residential sprinkler requirements that may be found in other areas of town ordinance.