



Economic Development Department

March 2, 2020

City of Beaverton Planning Commission

Re: TA2019-0004 Home Testing Text Amendment

Dear Commissioners,

The Economic Development Department supports the approval of this Text Amendment providing for home testing of consumer electronic products in residential zones.

Smart homes, and the interconnected electronic products that enable them, continue to make our lives easier, more comfortable and in many cases more energy-efficient and safer.

Testing of pre-market consumer electronic products in a realistic setting is critical to the successful operation of these products in the home. The closer the testing occurs in an environment that duplicates a conventionally-built home that is furnished, looks and functions like a typical home the more efficient the testing and the better the results. Consumer electronic products have critical time-to-market constraints, so a complete and thorough testing process in the shortest possible time is key.

We believe that the proposed text amendment as written, and including the reasonable Use Restrictions specified, provides the ability for companies to test their electronic products while simultaneously protecting the livability and security of the surrounding neighborhood. The high quality of construction required to create these homes and the additional security required to protect the investment in these pre-market-release electronic products will ensure that these homes are an asset to the neighborhood both during and after their use for product testing.

Again, our Economic Development team believes this Text Amendment is a good compromise that support both business requirements and neighborhood integrity. Should you have questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (503) 350-4037.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Berg". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bill Berg

Business Development Manager, Economic Development Department