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## Text of Legislative File 90557

### Fiscal Note

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### Title

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### Body

DRAFTER'S ANALYSIS: This proposed change amends both the Zoning Code, MGO Chapter 28, and the Subdivision Regulations, MGO Sec. 16.23, to create a housing type called "Cottage Courts." Cottage Courts are defined as a group of eight (8) or fewer single family detached dwellings on a single zoning lot with common management and/or access. Cottage courts are added as permitted uses in most of the residential zoning districts, as seen in Table

28C-1 in MGO Sec. 28.032(1). The proposed changes also create a supplemental regulation which lays out the requirements of a Cottage Court, including parking standards, setback and building separation requirements, and building form and site design.

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