Thursday, May 15, 2008

Public Hearings and Possible Actions RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 32

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F (Residential Design and Compatibility Standards), commonly referred to as the "McMansion" ordinance, and the related sections of city code regarding compatibility and to single family and duplex site development standards and procedures.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required

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Boards and Commission Action: To be considered by the Planning Commission on May 13, 2008.

Prior Council Action: On March 6, 2008, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20080306-039 initiating code amendments to implement recommendations of the Residential Development Regulations Task Force and other stakeholders.

The proposed ordinance amends City Code Chapter 25-2, including Subchapter F (Residential Design and Compatibility Standards), commonly referred to as the "McMansion" ordinance, Section 25-2-773 (Duplex Residential Use), and Chapter 25-2, Article 10 (Compatibility Standards) to include changes proposed by the Residential Development Regulations Task Force and numerous other stakeholders. In general, the proposed amendments clarify and modify residential development regulations for single family and duplex construction and the application of residential design and/or compatibility standards in a townhouse and condominium (SF-5) district. The proposed amendments also change the boundaries and/or applicability of related standards and expand the authority of the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission.

On April 22, 2008, the Planning Commission considered a majority of the proposed amendments but will continue discussion at their May 13, 2008 meeting.