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DATE: February 8, 2005
TO: Mayor Novak and City Council
FROM: Planning Commission
SUBJECT: Amending Zoning Ordinance: Article 40, Section 11-40-2.
Membership – Terms – Qualifications.

The purpose of this memo is to inform Mayor Novak and City Council of Planning Commission's request to amend the City's Zoning Ordinance, more specifically, Article 40, Section 11-40-2.

It is Planning Commission's desire to eliminate all reference to the "Alternate Member" in the Ordinance and create a Planning Commission membership that consists of seven (7) voting Citizen Members, and one non-voting ex officio member.

The reasoning for the request includes:

"Our current alternate members are two very qualified, intelligent, dedicated persons. They contribute in every meeting in the decision making process and quite frequently are seated as voting members. We should allow them to run for Planning Commission office."

In 2003, term limits were discontinued for Planning Commission Members. As a result, Alternate Planning Commission Members do not have the opportunity to move into a regular PC Member status until an opening is available. This could result in a perpetual status as an Alternate Member.

If you need additional information regarding this request, please advise.

Thank you.

Planning Commission

Fritz Glaess
Planning Commission Chairman