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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dave Sullivan, Chair, and Members of the Planning Commission
FROM: Robert Heil, Senior Planner, Planning and Development Review Department
DATE: April 21, 2010
RE: **Initiation of Proposed Code Amendments**

At their most recent meeting on April 20, 2010, the Codes and Ordinances committee of the Planning Commission recommended that the Planning Commission direct staff to initiate the following amendments to the City of Austin Land Development Code.

If Planning Commission does direct staff to initiate these proposed amendments, staff would commence research, review and the drafting of the proposed code amendments. Each of these proposed code amendments would then be presented to the Codes and Ordinances committee for review and comment, and if recommended by the sub-committee, forwarded on the full Planning Commission for public hearing and action.

At this point, the only recommended action is initiation of the code amendments. This action would not be a recommendation on any of the proposed amendments, only a direction that staff prepare them for consideration by the full commission.

The following proposed three code amendments have been recommended for initiation. For each, a staff contact is listed.

1. An amendment to create a zoning overlay district in which Group Residential would be a conditional use in multi-family zoning.
2. An amendment to Section 25-2-511: Dwelling Occupancy Limit, as it applies to a duplex use, a two family residential use or a secondary apartment special use. (Greg Guernsey PDR)
3. An amendment to Section 25-8-514 of the City Code and granting a variance to Section 25-8-482 to allow construction of a temporary access road and repairs to the Barton Springs bypass in the Critical Water Quality Zone. (David Johns, Watershed Protection Department, 947-2781).