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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dave Sullivan, Chair, and Members of the Planning Commission

FROM: Robert Heil
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DATE: May 18, 2011

RE: Initiation of Proposed Code Amendments

The Planning Commission Committee on Codes and Ordinances has 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 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 five code amendments have been recommended for initiation:

1. An amendment that would include deed restrictions as a criteria when an administrative approval of a subdivision waiver or variance is being considered.
2. An amendment related to Chapter 30-3 related to provisions for joint use driveways.
3. An amendment to Title 30 related to authority of the County Executive to adopt administrative rules, and changing references from "Executive Manager" to "County Executive."
4. An amendment to Chapter 30-2 and Chapter 25-4 related to approval and expiration of pending applications for subdivision plats and construction plans.
5. An amendment to Title 30 related to requirements for a consumer protection notice for plats in the City of Austin Extraterritorial Jurisdiction in Travis County.