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TO: City of Hudson Planning Commission for  
March 11, 2013 Planning Commission Meeting

FROM: Mark Richardson, Director  
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SUBJECT: LDC Text Amendment  
Pedestrian Linkage Fund  
City Ordinance No. 13-22

PC Case No: 2013-005

### **Introduction**

This case concerns the amendment of various sections of the Land Development Code to implement Council recommended changes concerning the creation of a Pedestrian Linkages Fund. The proposed changes would allow developers at their option to provide funds-in-lieu of required sidewalks and other pedestrian linkages as may be required by the Land Development Code. Although Council discussed the ordinance in late 2012, it received its first reading at the February 20, 2013 meeting. The legislative memo of that meeting and the draft ordinance are attached. Also attached are the Policies to Promote Walking and Biking for a Healthy Hudson as found in the draft Connect Hudson Plan referenced in the legislative memo. The completion of such a plan in 2013 is in the City's Strategic Plan.

### **Findings: Section 1204.01 Text Amendments**

Staff finds the text amendment meets all applicable sections of Section 1204.01 and therefore recommends its approval.

### **Required PC Action, Section 1203.03(c)(1)(B)**

PC must make specific recommendations to the City Council, and transmit the application to City Council, together with the text amendment pertaining thereto within 120 days from receipt of the City Council's referral.

### **Recommendation**

The Planning Commission recommends City Council adopt Ordinance No. 13-22, An Ordinance Amending Section 1205, "Zoning Districts" and Section 1207, "Zoning

Development and Site Plan Standards,” of the Land Development Code to Provide for Funds-in-Lieu of the Construction of Public Sidewalks and Other Pedestrian and Non-Vehicular Circulation Systems.