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DATE: July 6, 2016

TO: City of Hudson Planning Commission for July 11, 2016 Meeting

FROM: Greg Hannan, City Planner  
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SUBJECT: LDC Text Amendment – Ordinance No. 16-114  
Fire Access and Engineering Standards

PC Case No: 2016-20

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### **Project Introduction**

The proposed Land Development Code text amendment is submitted to amend provisions concerning traffic impact studies and fire access, and repeals standards better located in the Engineering Standards. The proposed amendments were prepared with the assistance and support of the Engineering and Fire Departments. The amendments as attached were presented to City Council on June 21, 2016 for first reading and referred to Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation. Specifically the amendment accomplishes the following:

1. References to several date specific documents in the chapter have been revised to refer to the most recent editions.
2. Standard road cross sections and standards for street design and pedestrian and bicycle paths have been repealed from the Land Development Code to be added to the Engineering Standards by the time this ordinance is adopted.
3. Standards as to when a Traffic Impact Study is required are moved to the Engineering Standards.
4. Increases the maximum length of a cul-de-sac from 600 to 900 feet based on the capacity of the Hudson Fire Department to access structures.
5. Exact specifications for fire access roads have been replaced with adherence to the Ohio Fire Code and review and approval of the Hudson Fire Department.

If PC renders its recommendation at the July 11 meeting Council can take final action in August.

### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission recommends that Council adopt Ordinance 16-114 “An Ordinance Amending Section 1207.13, “Transportation/Circulation/Pedestrian Linkage,” of Chapter 1207, “Zoning Development and Site Plan Standards,” of the Land Development Code.