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TO: City of Hudson Planning Commission for
July 13, 2015 Planning Commission Meeting

FROM: Greg Hannan, City Planner
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SUBJECT: LDC Text Amendment
Pedestrian Sidewalk Fund
Ordinance No. 15-33

PC Case No: 2015-11

Introduction

This case concerns the amendment of Chapter 1205, “Zoning Districts” and Chapter 1207, “Zoning Development and Site Plan Standards,” of the Land Development Code to Provide for Fund-in-Lieu of the Construction of Public Sidewalks and Other Pedestrian and Non-Vehicular Circulation Systems”. On March 3, 2015 Council conducted its first reading and referred the ordinance to Planning Commission for public hearing and recommendation.

Please find attached to this report the following:

1. Summary chart dated June 8, 2015
2. Draft Ordinance 15-33
3. Staff report to Council from its March 3, 2015 meeting
4. Email from City Engineer Thom Sheridan dated October 10, 2012
5. PC Decision dated March 11, 2013

Planning Commission conducted its public hearing on the proposed legislation at its meeting of May 11, 2015. The Commission continued the case to the June meeting at which it accepted most of staff’s recommendations. The Commission continued the case to the July meeting to see the changes discussed as shown in the proposed text.

Based on the discussion at the June Planning Commission meeting the attached draft amendment addresses the following:

1. Revise the amendment to reflect the proposed standards as depicted in the summary chart presented to the Planning Commission on June 8, 2015.
2. Maintain the current policy of not imposing sidewalk requirements on minor development
3. Based on comments presented by Tom King, staff has incorporated requirements for sidewalks along building frontages and along parking areas within District 10 as is already required within other commercial zoning districts.

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. 15-33, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1205, "Zoning Districts" and Chapter 1207, "Zoning Development and Site Plan Standards," of the Land Development Code to Provide for Fund-in-Lieu of the Construction of Public Sidewalks and Other Pedestrian and Non-Vehicular Circulation Systems as amended.