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To the Honorable Members of the  
Zoning, Neighborhoods and Development Committee  
City of Milwaukee  
City Hall, Room 205

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 181520 relates to landscaping and screening requirements for various land uses.

This file recreates the zoning code's landscaping and screening requirements for various land uses, including motor vehicle parking lots and outdoor storage areas, contractor's yards, outdoor storage facilities, outdoor salvage operations, transportation uses, industrial uses and utilitarian site features, such as mechanical equipment, dumpsters and loading docks. Among other things, the new ordinance establishes applicability standards for landscaping, including standards for when existing parking lots are required to be brought into compliance. It will allow for similar perimeter landscape options to be used across all zoning districts to facilitate site specific solutions and to incentivize more sustainable landscape practices. Additionally, it includes total parking lot landscaping requirements rather than "interior" parking lot landscaping requirements, to encourage increased perimeter landscaping and provide flexibility in planting locations.

On February 11, 2019, a public hearing was held and at that time DCD representative Kyle Gast spoke about zoning code text change. Alderman Witkowski, sponsor of the file, spoke in support of the ordinance. Since the ZCTC determined that the criteria with respect to administrative efficiency and consistency with the format of the zoning code were met, the City Plan Commission, at its regular meeting on February 13, 2019, recommended approval of the subject conditioned on the City Attorney's findings with respect to legality and enforceability.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux  
Executive Secretary  
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

