

October 19, 2004

To the Honorable Common Council
Zoning, Neighborhoods and
Development Committee
City of Milwaukee

Dear Committee Members:

Attached is File No. 040632 being an ordinance relating to deadlines for appeals of administrative decisions of the commissioner of city development or orders of the commissioner of neighborhood services relative to application or enforcement of the zoning code.

This ordinance clarifies the distinction between appeals of administrative decisions of the commissioner of city development relating to interpretation or application of the zoning code and appeals of orders of the commissioner of neighborhood services relating to enforcement of the zoning code.

This ordinance further provides that appeals of orders of the commissioner of neighborhood services shall be filed within 20 days of the date the order was issued, or 30 days if notification of the order was made by mail. However, if an order being appealed requires compliance in less than 20 days (or less than 30 days if notification of the order was by mail), the deadline for filing the appeal is the end of the term for compliance (or the end of the term plus 5 days if notification of the decision was by mail).

The Zoning Code Technical Committee reviewed this ordinance on September 15, 2004. The committee found that the proposed ordinance met the required standards for legality, enforceability, administrative efficiency and consistency with the zoning code.

Since this amendment will improve the enforcement of the zoning code, the City Plan

Commission at its regular meeting on October 18, 2004 recommended the approval of the attached ordinance.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

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