

July 12, 2010

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

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 100136 relates to zoning regulations for businesses that buy used jewelry or gold.

This file adds an establishment that buys used jewelry or gold -- a use not specifically enumerated in the zoning code -- to the zoning code definition of "secondhand store" (a use which is specifically enumerated in the zoning code). This inclusion codifies an administrative determination by the department of city development that such an establishment is most similar to a secondhand store.

On June 23, 2010, the Zoning Code Technical Committee (ZCTC) met, and ZCTC determined that its criteria are met, conditional upon a submission of evidence to establish a record demonstrating the need for said ordinance. The legislative record, showing the need for the legislation and the rational basis for the different zoning classification for these businesses, has since been submitted and added to the file.

Since the proposed amendment meets the standards of legality, enforceability, administrative efficiency, and consistency with the zoning code, the City Plan Commission at its regular meeting on July 12, 2010, recommended approval of the file.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux
Executive Secretary
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

c: E. Richardson