

November 1, 2005

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

Dear Committee Members:

File No. 050256 is an ordinance relating to the procedure for amending the zoning map.

This ordinance provides that amendment of the boundaries of any overlay zone (other than a flood plain or shoreland-wetland overlay zone) shall only be initiated by a motion of the common council or by a petition submitted to the common council and signed by owners of 50% or more of the area of land included in the zone. Following passage of the common council motion or receipt of the petition, the proposed boundary amendment shall be considered by the plan commission and common council in accordance with the standard zoning map amendment procedure.

The Zoning Code Technical Committee reviewed this ordinance on September 14, 2005. The committee found that the proposed substitute ordinance met the required standards for legality, enforceability, administrative efficiency and consistency with the zoning code.

Since this amendment provides a legislative process for property owners to amend the boundaries of any overlay zone other than a floodplain or shoreland-wetland overlay, the city plan commission at its regular meeting of October 31, 2005, recommended that common council approve the attached substitute ordinance.

Sincerely,

Rocky Marcoux  
Executive Secretary  
City Plan Commission of Milwaukee

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