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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alderman Believes Change Could Trigger Proliferation of Group Homes In City Neighborhoods

*Proposed Changes in Zoning Code to be Discussed At Tuesday Town Hall Meeting to
be Hosted by Ald. Joe Davis, Sr. at Marshall High School*

A proposed substitute ordinance that would remove a current zoning requirement that group homes and other community living arrangements in the city be located at least 2,500 feet apart from each other and from other types of group living facilities could “open the floodgates” and substantially increase the numbers of these types of facilities in city neighborhoods, according to Ald. Joe Davis, Sr.

Ald. Davis will discuss the issue at a Tuesday, January 17, 2006 Town Hall meeting. It will be held in the auditorium at Marshall High School, 4141 N. 64th St., beginning at 6:00 p.m. Media coverage is welcome.

“I invite all residents to attend a vitally important discussion on this potentially huge change regarding group homes and community-based residential facilities,” said Ald. Davis.

The proposed ordinance would remove the 2,500-foot distance requirement provided that all residents of a facility are “disabled.” A lawsuit at the federal level is prompting the proposed change, which would allow for a vague definition of “disabled” persons, said Ald. Davis. The legislation is currently before the Common Council’s Zoning, Neighborhoods & Development Committee.

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