



**Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning
& Economic Development – Planning Division**

Date: July 23, 2008
To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair of Zoning and Planning Committee
Referral to: Zoning and Planning Committee
Subject: Referral from the July 21, 2008 City Planning Commission Meeting
Recommendation: See report from the City Planning Commission

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Approved by: Jason Wittenberg, Supervisor, CPED Planning-Development Services

Presenter in Committee:

- 3. Zoning Code Text Amendment, Brian Schaffer, x2670
- 4. Zoning Code Text Amendment, Erik Nilsson, City Attorney, x2192

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Other: See staff report(s) from the City Planning Commission

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The attached report summarizes the actions taken at the City Planning Commission meeting held on July 21, 2008. The findings and recommendations are respectfully submitted for the consideration of your Committee.

**REPORT
of the
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
of the City of Minneapolis**

The Minneapolis City Planning Commission, at its meeting on July 21, 2008 took action to **submit the attached comment** on the following items:

3. Zoning Code Text Amendment (Ward: All), ([Brian Schaffer](#)).

A. Text Amendment: Amending Title 20, Chapter 531 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to the Zoning Code: Nonconforming Uses and Structures.

The purpose of the amendment is to extend the length of time a legal nonconforming single or two family structure containing a conforming use that is damaged or destroyed has to apply for a building permit before the nonconforming rights are lost.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommends that the City Council adopt the findings and **approve** the zoning code text amendment, amending section 531.40.

4. Zoning Code Text Amendment (Ward: All), ([Erik Nilsson](#)).

A. Text Amendment: Amending Title 20, Chapter 520 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to the Zoning Code: Introductory Provisions and Title 20, Chapter 525 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to the Zoning Code: Administration and Enforcement.

The purpose of the amendment is to provide a codified process for making a request for an exception from generally-applicable zoning requirements based on a claim that the request is a “reasonable accommodation” under federal law.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommends that the City Council adopt the findings and **approve** the zoning code text amendment, noting that the words “immediately adjacent” should be used in place of “immediately abutting.”