MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Wendy L. Rampson, Planning Manager

DATE: July 28, 2010

SUBJECT: Site Examples for Proposed Amendments to Chapters 55 (Zoning)

and 59 (Off-street Parking) regarding Area, Height and Placement

Standards

In response to Councilmember requests to provide visual examples of how the proposed Area, Height, & Placement (AHP) zoning amendments could impact existing adjoining residential neighborhoods, Planning staff has created a series of aerial photos illustrating the proposed setbacks on sites throughout the city.

The images include three aerial photos for seven different sites that depict: 1) existing setback standards, 2) proposed setback standards for a new 1-story building, and 3) proposed setback standards for a 55' tall, 4 story building, which reflects the proposed maximum height of new buildings in a number of commercial districts (Office, Research, ORL, C2B, and C3). Each City ward is represented with at least one site.

The intent of this exercise is to depict how the proposed amendments will affect setbacks for commercial sites that abut residential areas under various scenarios. In most cases, the proposed changes reduce the required front setback and increase the rear and side setbacks for commercial sites abutting residential areas.

Attachments: Example Maps









































