

CITY OF CLARKSTON

ITEM NO: F1

CLARKSTON CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

HEARING TYPE:
City Council

BUSINESS AGENDA / MINUTES

ACTION TYPE:
Ordinance

MEETING DATE: April 5, 2016

SUBJECT: Adoption of Section 708 Town Center (TC) Zoning District Text Amendment

DEPARTMENT:
Planning & Development

PUBLIC HEARING: YES NO

ATTACHMENT: YES NO
Pages: 41

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PURPOSE:

To approve for adoption text amendments to Section 708 Town Center zoning district and Article X, Civic design of the City of Clarkston's Zoning Code and Ordinance.

NEED/ IMPACT:

The City of Clarkston hired The Collaborative Firm, LLC to perform an in-depth review of Section 708, Town Center Zoning District which included the design guidelines located in Article X. Civic Design, cross-referenced for consistency with Article XI Parking and Loading Requirements of the Zoning Ordinance. A three (3) month schedule extending from October 2015 to December 2015 has taken place with four (4) committee meetings for Steering Committee members to meet, review the language in the ordinance, and provide recommendations based on the suggested deliverables. Steering committee members consisted of members of the City Council, Planning and Zoning board, local residents and business owners.

The goals of the text amendments are to (1) improve the aesthetic appearance of the town center and encourage quality urban design, (2) create a vibrant mixed use town center that provides opportunities to live, work, play and shop, (3) implement LCI goals for land use, urban design, and streetscapes in the town center, (4) incorporate design guidelines into the zoning district in order to codify and strengthen regulations of urban design, (5) encourage walkable development to compliment planned streetscape improvements, (6) create standards for streetscapes on designated retail-oriented streets, (7) create incentives for mixed use development (8) encourage realistic economic development and redevelopment scenarios, (9) facilitate healthy lifestyles through urban design, and (10) incorporate principles of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED).

The Consultant team presented the draft amendments to the Planning and Zoning Board on March 15th 2016.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Staff recommends approval of the text amendments to Section 708 Town Center (TC) District. The Planning and Zoning Board approved the text amendments to Section 708 Town Center as presented on March 15th, 2016.