



CITY OF HOUSTON

Planning and Development Department

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To: Mayor and City Council

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Subject: **AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 42**

The Planning & Development Department is pleased to forward to you amendments to Chapter 42 of the City of Houston's Code of Ordinances. These amendments attempt to balance the needs of protecting neighborhoods and encouraging redevelopment in order to position Houston for continued growth and change.

Specifically, these amendments will:

- Make the City more competitive with the ETJ;
- Improve development standards that lead to a better quality-built product;
- Provide additional resources for neighborhoods to manage their future; and
- Eliminate confusion/discrepancies contained within the existing code.

There are four documents attached to this letter:

- A summary of the proposed Chapter 42 amendments;
- A document outlining the suggestions made by the Super Neighborhood Alliance and the Planning & Development Department's responses to the suggestions;
- A document entitled General Development Regulations that provides a brief summary of the regulations affecting development. We will continue to expand this document; and
- A Transmittal Memo to the Planning Commission

Copies of the Chapter 42 and Chapter 10 ordinance amendments are available online at www.houstonplanning.com.

The anticipated schedule is as follows:

- November 30, 2012 – Posting for Public Comments
- December 13, 2012 – Planning Commission Consideration
- January 2013 – City Council Housing, Sustainable Growth and Development Committee

I am available to meet with you to discuss any of your concerns.

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Attachments