

**CITY OF MADISON
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL
CORRESPONDENCE**

Date: November 3, 2009

To: Plan Commission

From: Sustainable Design and Energy Committee

Subject: **Legistar #15932 Adopting and confirmed amendments to the MGOs to revise the City's Zoning Ordinance**

On November 2, 2009, the Sustainable Design and Energy Committee met to discuss and adopted recommendations that would be sent to the Plan Commission regarding Legistar #15932 adopting and confirmed amendments to the MGOs to revise the City's Zoning Ordinance. Below are the recommendations.

Recommendations:

- 1) Plan Commission should discuss and/or refer back to the Sustainable Design and Energy Committee or the Zoning Code Rewrite Advisory Committee all of the policy items that were not addressed in the new code and were listed in the memo titled "Consultant and Staff Responses To the Zoning Code Sustainability Ideas Document" dated October 14, 2009. These policy items should be discussed before the Common Council votes on the zoning code rewrite.
- 2) District "systems" (heating, power generation, etc.) should be a permitted use in all zoning districts.
- 3) Add "and composting" as a permitted use where ever agriculture is mentioned.
- 4) Transit-Oriented Development overlay – re-examine the prohibited uses such as (A, C, E in #4), and consider making them conditional uses. .
- 5) Medium to High Density Residential Districts, Traditional Employment, Neighborhood Mixed-Use, Traditional Shopping Streets, Traditional Residential Plan should allow frontage on private streets to encourage sustainable-designed residential streets (i.e. woonerfs, spiegelstrasse, etc.)
- 6) Don't allow lands to be zoned or rezoned into the "suburban type" districts.
- 7) Zone areas that are currently suburban-type as traditional; consider engaging in transformational zoning in the mapping process.
- 8) Alternations to existing sites using landscaping triggers
- 9) "Nuclear" section: Add "Research" and "Storage" or strike section because of State and Federal laws.
- 10) Add cisterns and rain barrels as projections/ permitted encroachments in required side yards.

Zoning staff was present at the meeting when these recommendations were adopted and can explain in more detail the intent of the SDE committee if needed.

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