

City of Madison, Wisconsin

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**REPORT OF:** URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION

**PRESENTED:** June 20, 2012

**TITLE:** Amending Section 28.07(6)(e) of the Madison General Ordinances to Allow Additional Bulk Requirements in the Downtown Design Zones. (26628)

**REFERRED:**

**REREFERRED:**

**REPORTED BACK:**

**AUTHOR:** Alan J. Martin, Secretary

**ADOPTED:**

**POF:**

**DATED:** June 20, 2012

**ID NUMBER:**

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Members present were: Todd Barnett, Acting Chair; Richard Slayton, Dawn O’Kroley, Melissa Huggins, Marsha Rummel, John Harrington and Tom DeChant.

**SUMMARY:**

At its meeting of June 20, 2012, the Urban Design Commission **RECOMMENDED ADOPTION** of the ordinance amendment allowing additional bulk requirements in the Downtown Design Zones. Appearing on behalf of the project were Bill Fruhling, Principal Planner; and Matt Tucker, Zoning Administrator. The current Downtown Design Zones contain a number of bulk requirements, specifically height. When created, these only applied to PUDs with residential components to them. The current draft of the Downtown Plan recommends that the Downtown Design Zones not be a part of the new proposed zoning code. There are enough other elements that address design. It is the hope that on July 17, 2012 the Downtown Plan will be adopted with the recommendation that there be no more Downtown Design Zones, but will still be operating under our current zoning code for a number of months, until the new zoning code is adopted. In the interim there are several projects that can’t be submitted because these Downtown Design Zones are in place. This amendment will keep all of these requirements in place but allow them to be waived through the PUD process, just like any development anywhere else in the City.

**ACTION:**

On a motion by O’Kroley, seconded by Slayton, the Urban Design Commission **RECOMMENDED ADOPTION**. The motion was passed on a vote of (6-0).

**URBAN DESIGN COMMISSION PROJECT RATING FOR:**

	Site Plan	Architecture	Landscape Plan	Site Amenities, Lighting, Etc.	Signs	Circulation (Pedestrian, Vehicular)	Urban Context	Overall Rating
<b>Member Ratings</b>								

General Comments:

- Lots of value added with Urban Design Commission input – thanks.