



**Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Community Planning  
& Economic Development – Planning Division**

Date: September 13, 2012  
To: Council Member Gary Schiff, Chair of Zoning and Planning Committee  
Referral to: Zoning and Planning Committee  
**Subject:** Referral from the August 13, 2012 City Planning Commission Meeting  
**Recommendation:** See report from the City Planning Commission

**Prepared by:** Lisa Baldwin, Planning Commission Committee Clerk (612-673-3710)

**Approved by:** Hilary Dvorak, Interim Planning Manager, CPED Planning-Development Services

**Presenter in Committee:**

- 10. Zoning Code Text Amendment, Joe Bernard, Sr Planner, 612-673-2422
- 11. Zoning Code Text Amendment, Brad Ellis, Sr Planner, 612-673-3239

**Community Impact (use any categories that apply)**

Other: See staff report(s) from the City Planning Commission

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

The attached report summarizes the actions taken at the City Planning Commission meeting held on August 13, 2012. The findings and recommendations are respectfully submitted for the consideration of your Committee.

**REPORT  
of the  
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
of the City of Minneapolis**

The Minneapolis City Planning Commission, at its meeting on August 13, 2012 took action to **submit the attached comment** on the following items:

**10. Zoning Code Text Amendment (Ward: All) (Joe Bernard).**

**A. Text Amendment:** Amending Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to the Zoning Code, as follows:

Amending Chapter 536 related to the Zoning Code: *Specific Development Standards*

The purpose of the amendment is to allow for an exception to the minimum window requirement for film, video and audio production uses through a specific development standard for these uses.

**Action:** The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the findings and **approve** the zoning code text amendment, amending chapter 536 to allow for an exception to the minimum window requirement for film, video and audio production uses through a specific development standard for these uses, with the following changes:

Amending (2)a to read:

Submission of a report prepared by an acoustical engineer detailing the need for additional soundproofing that is not attainable through the use of windows or a separate interior structure and/or second internal envelope. All options, architectural and acoustic, shall have been explored with proof given.

Striking (2)c:

Exterior materials used to close any existing window openings shall be similar to and compatible with the existing materials of the building.

**Aye:** Cohen, Huynh, Kronzer, Luepke-Pier, Schiff, Tucker and Wielinski.

The motion carried 7-0; Mammen not present for the vote.

#### **11. Zoning Code Text Amendment (Ward: All) (Brad Ellis).**

**A. Text Amendment:** Amending Title 20, Chapter 520 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to the Zoning Code: Introductory Provisions.

Amending Title 20, Chapter 536 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to the Zoning Code: Specific Development Standards.

Amending Title 20, Chapter 541 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to the Zoning Code: Off-Street Parking and Loading.

Amending Title 20, Chapter 548 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to the Zoning Code: Commercial Districts.

Amending Title 20, Chapter 549 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances related to the Zoning Code: Downtown Districts.

The purpose of the amendment is to revise regulations related to currency exchanges and other payday lending institutions.

**Action:** The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the findings and **approve** the zoning code text amendment, amending chapters 520, 536, 541, 548, and 549, pertaining to regulations regarding payday lending establishments, including currency exchanges and industrial loan and thrift operations.

Approved on consent 8-0.