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Patrick Flynn, Bill Starr, Debbie Ossiander, Ernie Hall, Harriet Drummond, Dick Traini, Elvi Gray-Jackson, Paul Honeman, Adam Trombley, Chris Birch, Jennifer Johnston

And To:

Dan Sullivan, Mayor mayor@muni.org

A Resolution Regarding Proposed Changes to Title 21

Whereas Anchorage's land use code (Title 21) badly needs to be updated;

Whereas the revision process was begun in 2002;

Whereas there have been five drafts with extensive public review;

Whereas many compromises have been made from the aspirations of Anchorage 2020, our adopted comprehensive plan;

Whereas the Anchorage Assembly Title 21 Committee painstakingly reviewed and frequently changed drafts of the code;

Whereas the Anchorage Assembly has provisionally adopted all but one of the fourteen chapters of the code;

Whereas on October 19 Mayor Dan Sullivan released a proposal to amend the Provisionally Adopted Title 21

Therefore be it resolved that the Rogers Park Community Council recommends the following actions:

- Reject the proposal to delete all of the design standards for single family homes.
- Reject the proposal to decrease setbacks from streams to 25' from the proposed 50' to 100' in the Provisionally Adopted code.

- Reject the proposal to delete height restrictions in the B3 zone in midtown unless strong protections for residential sunlight are in place.
- Reject the proposal to increase the allowed commercial uses in the Industrial I-1 zones. Wait until completion of the Anchorage Commercial Land Study and adoption of the Anchorage Bowl Land Use Plan Map to reexamine the uses allowed.
- Reject the proposal to reduce private open space requirements.
- Reject the proposal to delete the connectivity index needed for easier walking and biking; approve Title 21 as is and propose a clearly written alternative later.
- Reject changes that diminish neighborhood protection height transitions.
- Reject the proposal to decrease sidewalks on cul-de-sacs.
- Reject language that would decrease landscaping standards when the mayor's proposal to rewrite that section is implemented.
- Reject language that decreases standards for multi-family and townhouse development.
- If language is included that allows for expedited changes to the code in cases where clear mistakes were made in the rewrite, ensure that such changes are made case by case and not allowed to apply across all other sections of the code.
- Adopt Title 21 without further compromises.

PASSED AND APPROVED by Rogers Park Community Council this 14th day of November, 2011.

Novelm 28, 2011

This resolution passed by a vote of 26 in favor, 5 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

Respectfully,

David Morgan, President

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