



# Memo

Department of Planning & Housing

ITEM #30

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Steve Osguthorpe, Planning & Housing Director

**DATE:** October 11, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Text Amendment – Definition of “Story”

At its regular meeting of September 27, the Council referred to staff two proposed text amendments, including an amendment to the subdivision code restriction on double-frontage lots, and an amendment to the zoning code to develop a definition of “story”. Both of these items were scheduled for Council action on October 11, and notice was published accordingly. The amendment pertaining to double frontage lots is on schedule for Council review on October 11 (this item is under a tight timeframe to respond to a customer need). However, staff would like additional time to work with the Inspections Division to work out some of the details on the definition of “story” to ensure that the whatever definition may be adopted is consistent both with the presumed intent of the zoning code, and with the manner in which the Inspections Division will apply the term during plan review for building permits. This item is less pressing than the double-frontage lot issue in terms of current applications, but staff hopes to have it addressed before new applications come in for projects that may be regulated according to the number of building stories.

Staff therefore requests that the Council open and continue the hearing on the definition of “story” to the Council meeting of December 13, 2011.

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