

Town of Vienna

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Legislation Text

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Subject:

Recommendation by the Planning Commission to the Town Council to extend the temporary suspension of the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) Zone, set to expire on June 27, 2019, to November 15, 2019

Background Summary

At its September 17, 2018 meeting, the Town Council voted to temporarily suspend the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) Zone for 270 days to provide staff time to develop design guidelines, working with the Chair of the Board of Architectural Review, along with related amendments to the MAC Zone regulations. The moratorium went into effect on September 30, 2018, and ends on June 27, 2019.

This past fall citizens provided input through a visual preference survey, which is the basis for creating the draft design guidelines and proposed amendments to the MAC Zone regulations. The preliminary draft design guidelines and proposed draft amendments to the MAC Zone were provided to the Town Council, Planning Commission and Board of Architectural Review in February, 2019. The documents were posted on the Town's Maple Avenue Vision webpage.

To date, the Planning Commission has held two work sessions on the proposed amendments to the MAC Zone. The Board of Architectural Review also has held two work sessions on the draft design guidelines. A joint work session of the Town Council, Planning Commission and Board of Architectural Review was held on March 20 to discuss the draft amendments and design guidelines; it is continued until May 1. Approximately 175 people attended two community workshops to solicit input on the draft documents, held on March 29 and 30 at the Community Center; 57 comments were received. In addition, the Town has initiated the Maple Avenue Corridor Multimodal Transportation and Land Use Study. Draft recommendations are expected later this summer.

PROPOSED/SUGGESTED MOTION

"I move to recommend to Town Council to extend the temporary suspension of Article 13.1 - MAC Maple Avenue Commercial Zone Regulations of Chapter 18 of the Town Code, set to expire on June 27, 2019, to November 15, 2019."

Or

Other action deemed necessary by the Planning Commission.