



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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City approves changes to land platting subdivision ordinance known as Chapter 42

HOUSTON, April 24, 2013 – City Council approved the amendments to Chapter 42 and Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances. These amendments seek to provide additional neighborhood protections as well as encourage development in order to position Houston for continued growth and change. These changes apply to new developments. Specifically, these amendments will:

- Provide additional resources for neighborhoods to manage their future,
- Make the City more competitive with the suburbs outside the City limits,
- Improve development standards that lead to a better quality built product,
- Increase opportunity for single-family residential, and
- Eliminate confusion/discrepancies contained within the existing code.

A series of community meetings is being scheduled to help communities understand how to apply for the Special Minimum Lot Size designation approved through this ordinance if their community is not deed restricted or their restrictions don't address lot size or the further subdividing of lots.

More information is available on the City's website at www.houstonplanning.com under the link to Chapter 42 or citizens can call 713-837-7701.

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