



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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Community meetings set to help neighborhoods apply for new tools to retain their residential character

HOUSTON, May 2, 2013 – City Council recently approved amendments to Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances. Previously, residents inside Loop 610 could apply to designate a Special Minimum Lot Size or Building Line (setback) on blockface by blockface basis. These tools now extend to the entire City of Houston and a new tool has been added that allows the establishment of a Minimum Lot Size Area.

The Minimum Lot Size Area designation prevents lots from being divided below a certain size established by a calculation of the lots in the subdivision. This prevents lots from being split into smaller sized lots that are typically found in townhome developments.

After an initial application and community process, 55% of the owners must agree to the designation. City Council must vote to approve the designation. Once established the designation remains in effect for 40 years. The Area must not contain more than 500 lots within the same platted subdivision or 400 lots within different platted subdivisions.

A series of community meetings is being held to help communities understand how to apply for these designations. The following is a list of scheduled meetings. Additional meetings are being planned for later in May and June. A flyer regarding the meetings can be found online http://www.houstontx.gov/planning/docs_pdfs/pres_neighb_meetings.pdf.

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| May 8 | Tracy Gee Community Center
3599 Westcenter Drive
6:00-8:00pm |
| May 9 | Metropolitan Multi-Service Center
1475 West Gray
10:00-11:30am |
| May 9 | Oak Forest Elementary School |

1401 West 43rd
6:30-8:00pm

May 16 Beverly Hills Community Center
9800 Kingspoint Road
10:00-11:30am

May 16 Sharpstown Recreational Center
6600 Harbor Drive
6:30-8:00pm

May 20 E.B. Cape Center
4501 Leeland
10:00-11:30am

May 20 Acres Homes Multi-Service Center
6719 West Montgomery
6:00-8:00pm

May 21 Independence Heights Community Center
603 E 35th Street
10:00-11:30am

May 21 Welch Middle School
11544 South Gessner
6:30-8:30pm

May 22 Alief Community Center
11903 Bellaire Boulevard
10:00-11:30am

May 22 Ingrado Community Center
7302 Keller
6:30-8:00pm

May 23 Sunnyside Multi-Service Center
9314 Cullen
10:00-11:30am

May 23 Northeast Multi-Service Center
9720 Spaulding
6:30-8:00pm

May 29 Briar Grove Elementary School
6145 San Felipe
6:00-8:00pm

May 29 Avenue CDC Home Ownership Center
707 Quitman
6:00-8:00pm

May 30 Garden Villa Community Center
South Haywood Drive
6:00-8:00pm

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

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