

ITEM NO. 2 AMENDMENTS TO DEVELOPMENT CODE (DDW)

TA-1-1-09: Consider amending various sections of Chapter 20 to reference the recently adopted Lawrence SmartCode which become effective on July 1, 2009. These amendments will not materially affect processes within the Development Code, but will instead reference the Lawrence SmartCode where necessary for certain processes and/or standards. Potential Articles that may require amending include, but may not be limited to, Article 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 17. Initiated by the Planning Commission on 1/26/09.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Mr. Dan Warner presented the item.

Commissioner Harris asked if the descriptions of the districts came from the SmartCode.

Mr. Warner said yes, for the most part.

Commissioner Harris inquired about the language 'irrigable deserts' in section 20-224(a)(2)(iii).

Mr. Warner said that the term is standard but that Douglas County does not really have irrigable desert, but that could be possible in the future.

Commissioner Harris asked if the Special Urban Center zone was referring to an existing downtown area.

Mr. Warner said that only applies to downtown Lawrence.

PUBLIC HEARING

No public comment.

ACTION TAKEN

Motioned by Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to approve the proposed amendments [TA-1-1-09 to reference the recently adopted Lawrence SmartCode] to Chapter 20, Development Code, with the removal of the language 'irrigable deserts' from section 20-224(a)(2)(iii), and forward to the City Commission. The sections being amended are 20-201(b), 20-224, 20-601(b), 20-1306(a) and (b), and 20-1402(f) and (g).

Unanimously approved 7-0.