

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Planning & Development Services

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Date: For February 16, 2010 City Commission meeting

RE: Text Amendment Update and Initiation

Planning and Development Services staff and the Planning Commission continue to review and recommend revisions to the Development Code to seek efficiencies for the development community while maintaining the public's health and safety. The attached document has been used by Staff and the Planning Commission to track revisions to the code. Several revisions are underway and others are added as they are observed by staff, the Commissions, and the public.

A number of the previously identified text amendments have been completed. Staff and members of the public have identified a number of issues with the City/County Subdivision Regulations regarding the subdivision plat process. Many of these items were listed as the second tier of amendments prioritized by the Planning Commission and specific suggestions are presented in the attached Chamber of Commerce letter.

Staff has begun to work on revisions to the Subdivision Regulations and requests that the City Commission initiate text amendments to Article 8 for future consideration. A public hearing at the Planning Commission will be required to process these amendments.

Action requested: Initiate text amendments to the Land Development Code, Chapter 20, Article 8 – Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas to revise requirements and standards related to the processing of Minor and Major Subdivisions.