

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Planning & Development Services

TO: David L. Corliss, City Manager

FROM: Planning Staff

CC: Scott McCullough, Director of Planning and Development Services
Sheila Stogsdill, Assistant Planning Director

Date: For May 3, 2011 City Commission meeting

RE: Request to Withdraw RM32 District Text Amendment TA-6-8-10

On July 13, 2010 the City Commission initiated a text amendment to the *Land Development Code* at the request of Paul Werner Architects. The text amendment was to review the maximum density permitted in the RM32 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District.

The text amendment went before the Planning Commission in August, October, and December 2010. At their December 2010 meeting, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed text changes and sent the recommendation to the City Commission. On January 25, 2011, the City Commission received the Planning Commission recommendation and voted to send it back to the Planning Commission for further consideration. The Planning Commission reconsidered the text amendment at their March 2011 meeting and deferred the item because additional similar text amendments had been submitted. It was felt that it was best to consider all 3 text amendments at the same time.

The new text amendments are requests for creation of a new district, the RM64 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District which would permit 64 dwelling units per acre and revisions to the PD (Planned Development) Overlay District to reduce the permitted minimum size of the district and revise development standards related to setbacks. The applicant feels that the newly initiated text amendments are better options than what is proposed for the changes to the RM32 District. The applicant is requesting the RM32 District text amendment be withdrawn.

Action requested: Accept the applicant's request to withdraw TA-6-8-10 regarding a text amendment to Chapter 20, Section 601 of the Land Development Code – Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas for the RM32 District.