

City of Minneapolis

Request for Committee Action

To: Zoning & Planning
Date: 11/10/2016
Referral: N/A
From: Community Planning & Economic Development
Lead Staff: Brian Schaffer, Principal Planner
Presented by: Brian Schaffer, Principal Planner
File Type: Ordinance
Subcategory: Code Amendment

Subject:

Regulation and expansion of Pedestrian Oriented Overlay Districts ordinance

Description:

Passage of Ordinance amending Title 20 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code, amending Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District regulations and expanding Pedestrian Oriented Overlay Districts to include additional properties along and in the vicinity of Hennepin Ave, Lyndale Ave S, Nicollet Ave, and W Franklin Ave:

1. Chapter 521 Zoning Districts and Maps Generally.
2. Chapter 551 Overlay Districts.

Previous Actions:

The ordinance was introduced by Council Member Bender and Council Member Goodman and given its first reading at the January 29, 2016, City Council meeting ([16-00157](#)).

Ward/Address:

Wards 7, 8 and 10 for the rezoning study
All wards for the zoning code text amendment
Addresses: See attached proposed Zoning Ordinance

Background/Analysis:

- 4. Hennepin Lyndale Lagoon and Lake Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District Rezoning Study, All Wards**
Staff report by [Brian Schaffer](#)

The City Planning Commission adopted staff findings to expand the boundary of the Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District along portions of Hennepin, Lyndale, and Nicollet Aves and Lake St, and to amend the regulations of the Pedestrian Oriented Overlay District.

A. Rezoning study.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council **approve** the zoning map amendment for the rezoning of parcels listed in the exhibits attached to the staff report.

Aye: Bender, Kronzer, Luepke-Pier, Magrino, Rockwell, Slack, Sweasy and Vreeland

Absent: Gagnon

B. Zoning code text amendment.

Action: The City Planning Commission recommended that the City Council **approve** the zoning code text amendment, amending Chapter 521, Zoning Districts and Maps Generally and Chapter 551, Overlay Districts with the following addition:

1. 551.120. (a) Minimum window area shall be measured between the height of ~~two~~ ~~(2)~~ feet thirty (30) inches and ten (10) feet above the finished level of the first floor. The bottom of any window used to satisfy the ground floor window requirement for nonresidential uses may not be more than two (2) feet above the adjacent grade.
2. 551.150 (11) *Pedestrian-scaled lighting*. Buildings shall install pedestrian-scaled exterior lighting on all street-facing elevations. Said lighting shall be mounted on the first story, evenly spaced and directed in a manner that illuminates the ground plane.

Aye: Bender, Kronzer, Luepke-Pier, Magrino, Rockwell, Slack, Sweasy and Vreeland

Absent: Gagnon

Financial Review:

No financial impact.

Attachments:

1. CPED staff report and related attachments.