
MEMORANDUM

TO: City Planning Commission, Committee of the Whole

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SUBJECT: Proposed zoning code text amendment: Amending chapter 530 of the zoning ordinance to add additional guidance on exterior building materials for multi-family, mixed-use and commercial buildings.

CURRENT PROPOSAL FOR THE AMENDMENT

Building materials are currently regulated through the Site Plan Review standards for building design. In 2014, the [Guide to Exterior Building Walls and Materials](#) was developed, which established allowable percentages of materials per elevation of a building. The proposed text amendment seeks to better incorporate these guidelines into the site plan review standards and to simplify the guidance for exterior building materials. At the Committee of the Whole meeting, staff will present a proposal that would introduce a new material classification system to be used in evaluating the durability and composition of exterior facades for new buildings.

FEEDBACK REQUESTED

Preliminary feedback is requested on the material classification system concept and content as well as any additional design and implementation guidance to consider in drafting the ordinance language.