



REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION  
March 15, 2006

From: Planning and Development Department

Subject: Various Zoning Ordinance Amendments, Amendments to Chapter 122, Zoning, of the Ypsilanti City Code

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:

The Planning Commission periodically reviews the Zoning Ordinance with staff for possible amendments. This review is generally a "housekeeping" task, to correct mistakes in the Ordinance, or make adjustments that seem timely or appropriate. The amendments proposed include:

1. Allowing brick pavers, engineered gravel systems or other alternative surfacing of parking lots.
2. Exempt paving of existing parking lots (5 to 10 spaces) from Site Plan Review process.
3. Allow sale of cell phones (personal wireless communication devices and "personal wearing apparel" in all business districts that allow retail.
4. Eliminate requirement that printing shops only operate during daylight hours.
5. Update definitions of "setback" and "yard, front" for consistency with porch setback requirements.
6. Correct number of council members to pass an ordinance amendment when a valid protest petition is presented from "eight members" to "two-thirds."
7. Correct bad landscape reference in four different sections to "122-835 (11) b."

Please contact Nathan Voght with any questions you may have regarding these proposed amendments at the Planning and Development Department, 483-9646 or email to [nvoght@cityofypsilanti.com](mailto:nvoght@cityofypsilanti.com).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval

ATTACHMENTS: February 15<sup>th</sup> Draft Planning Commission minutes. January 18<sup>th</sup> approved Planning Commission minutes.

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CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

COUNCIL AGENDA DATE: 3-21-06

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: