



Legislation Text

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Dept/ Agency: Economic and Housing Development

Action: () Ratifying (X) Authorizing (X) Amending

Type of Service: Resolution Endorsing

Purpose: Resolution referring the draft Proposed Ordinance amending Zoning and Land Use Regulations to the Newark Central Planning Board for formal review, report, and recommendation as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26 and N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64

Additional Information:

Refers to Planning Board an Ordinance amending Title XLI, Chapters 2, 3 and 4 of the Municipal Code to Establish the MX-3 Zoning Classification

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council seeks to expand housing and economic opportunities along the Downtown Core area's major streets and transportation corridors and protect adjacent low-density neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council wishes to promote a walkable neighborhood with a vibrant commercial/retail zone; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62, may adopt or amend a zoning ordinance relating to the nature and extent of the uses of land and of buildings and structures thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, through the Department of Economic and Housing Development, and its Outside Counsel, has drafted a Proposed Amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance which establishes the MX-3 Zoning classification; and

WHEREAS, the MX-3 Zone allows for a blend of high density residential and commercial uses in the same building or district, within a half (1/2) mile from Newark Penn Station which builds upon Newark's strength as a multimodal transportation hub to support the Downtown Core District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64, prior to the hearing on adoption of a Zoning Ordinance, or any amendments thereto, the Governing Body shall refer any such proposed ordinance or amendment to the Newark Central Planning Board for formal review, report, and recommendation as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Council, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64, wishes to refer the draft Proposed Ordinance amendment to the Central Planning Board for formal review, report, and recommendation as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64, the Municipal Council hereby refers the draft Proposed Ordinance amending the zoning ordinance, attached hereto as Schedule A, which establishes the MX-3 Zoning Classification, to the Central Planning Board for formal review, report, and recommendation as required by N.J.S.A. 40:55D-26.
2. The Newark Central Planning Board shall submit to the Municipal Council a report within thirty-five (35) days after referral, which includes identification of any provisions which are inconsistent with the Master Plan and recommendations concerning any such inconsistencies, as well as any other matters as it deems appropriate in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64 and for specific review by the Central Planning Board and report to the Municipal Council as to whether said amendment is substantially consistent with the Land Use Plan Element and the Housing Plan Element of the Master Plan or designed to effectuate such Plan Elements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55D-62.
3. A copy of this Resolution and the draft Proposed Ordinance Amendment shall be filed with the Office of the City Clerk by the Deputy Mayor/Director of the Department of Economic and Housing Development.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This Resolution refers a draft Proposed Ordinance amending the City of Newark's Zoning and Land Use Regulations, by establishing the MX-3 Zoning classification, to the Newark Central Planning Board for review and recommendation in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40:55D-64.