

TO: Village of Mariemont Council

FROM: Planning, Zoning, & Economic Planning Committee

DATE: September 26, 2022

SUBJECT: Discussion of MPF's Proposed Mariemont Zoning Code Changes

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The Mariemont Planning, Zoning & Economic Development (P,Z, & ED) Committee met on September 26, 2022. Present at the meeting were Committee Chair, Marcy Lewis, Vice Chair, Leah Geldbaugh, Member, Susan Brownknight, Mayor Bill Brown, housing officer Rod Holloway, and fiscal officer Richard Ford.

The first agenda item was to finalize MPF's Demolition Ordinance. The purpose of the proposed legislation is to allow the ARB to review and approve any Building Application forwarded by the Building Department where there is concern whether the architectural character is at variance with existing structures in the Village or the residence is listed as a contributing property on the NHL application. In a previous meeting, Marcy Lewis, Rod Holloway and MPF members MaryBeth York and Bob VanStone worked to fine-tune MPF's original proposal specifically with regard to panhandle lots and garage setbacks. These changes were then incorporated into the proposal and it was given to our legal council to finalize. The committee unanimously voted to adopt the legislation. In summary, the proposed legislation encompasses changes to sections 151.085, 151.021, 151.025, and 151.026 of Mariemont's Code of Ordinances. Attached to this report is the original language of Mariemont's code and the recommended changes by section. The legislation in its entirety is included in the council packet.

The second agenda item pertained to Mariemont code section. 151.087 PERMITTED OBSTRUCTIONS IN REQUIRED YARDS, specifically, paver patios and hot tubs. These changes, initiated by zoning officer Rod Holloway, allow for more flexibility with paver patios and differentiates between a hot tub and pool. The committee unanimously voted to adopt the legislation and it has been approved by legal counsel. In summary, the proposed legislation encompasses changes to sections 151.087 and 151.005 of Mariemont's code of ordinances. Attached to this report is the original language of Mariemont's code and the recommended changes by section. The legislation in its entirety is included in the council packet.

The final topic discussed was in reference to 151.01 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE and 151.075 HISTORIC DISTRICT. The change was proposed in response to an ARB ruling appeal that recently came before council. The proposed changes eliminate the contradiction that specifies that 16 panel garage doors are for the historic district, but at the same time exterior elements are supposed to be consistent with original architectural intent and appropriate for an historical neighborhood. The committee unanimously voted to adopt the legislation. Attached to this report is the original language of Mariemont's code of ordinances and the recommended changes by section. The legislation has been submitted to legal counsel for finalization and will be included in a later packet.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Marcy Lewis, Chair

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Leah Geldbaugh, Vice Chair

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Susan Brownknight, Member