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City of Novi streamlines building process *City Council approves amendment to Zoning Ordinance*

NOVI, Mich., August 12, 2008 – On Monday, August 11, the Novi City Council approved an ordinance amendment that will make getting bigger easier for developers and builders doing business in Novi.

One significant change allows an increase in the size of additions to existing buildings that could be reviewed and approved administratively to no more than 10 percent of an existing building, up to a maximum of 10,000 square feet, for non-residential buildings located more than 500 feet from residential districts. This amendment was to Section 2516.1c(9).

“Minor changes to approved site plans rarely contain substantial issues,” commented Steve Rumble, City of Novi Community Development Manager. “We anticipate that reducing the processing time for improvements such as these will encourage more reinvestment in commercial properties.”

The second change increased the length of time a site plan approval would remain valid, doubling the time a site plan approval remains active from one year to two years. The amendment to Section 2516.6 will reduce the need for site plan extension actions by City Council or the Novi Planning Commission. Site plan extensions remain the same, allowing for three, one-year extensions of preliminary or final site plan approval.

“The changes made to the Zoning Ordinance will allow developers to get through the site plan approval process in a quicker fashion,” notes Rumble. “We are excited to provide a streamlined process to those looking to build within Novi.”

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