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### CITY ANNOUNCES INPUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR DOWNTOWN ZONING CHANGES

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 24, 2008 — New downtown zoning districts and regulations have been drafted by City staff and the Planning Commission to implement the Ann Arbor Discovering Downtown (A2D2) recommendations, approved by City Council in 2007. Properties in the downtown are proposed to be rezoned to the newly created D1 (core) or D2 (interface) districts, in addition to one of eight character area overlay districts. The amendments also add design review requirements to the site plan approval process. These code changes are designed to support the future growth of downtown as a pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use center of activity for the community and the region.

Public input has been crucial throughout A2D2 process. The following additional opportunities for review and comment on the proposed amendments will be provided:

**Public Open Houses:** Two public open houses on the proposed changes will be held on May 1, 2008 at the Kerrytown Concert House, 415 North Fourth Avenue, from 3:30 – 5 p.m. and 6:30 – 8 p.m.

**Individual Conferences:** Property owners may schedule an appointment with City staff to discuss the proposed zoning changes during May 2-7, 2008. Please contact Wendy Rampson at (734) 994-2802 or [wrampson@a2gov.org](mailto:wrampson@a2gov.org) for an appointment.

**Web site:** Full texts of the proposed code amendments and an address look-up for proposed changes to specific properties will be posted starting April 30, 2008, at [www.a2gov.org/a2d2](http://www.a2gov.org/a2d2).

**Public Hearing:** The City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 in the Council Chamber, Second Floor, Guy C. Larcom, Jr. Municipal Building (City Hall), starting at 7 p.m.

For more information on the A2D2 initiative, visit [www.a2gov.org/a2d2](http://www.a2gov.org/a2d2).

*Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named one of the top 25 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2006. The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.*

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