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### **PUBLIC BRIEFINGS WILL TAKE PLACE TO REVIEW DOWNTOWN ZONING AMENDMENTS**

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 12, 2008 — The City Planning Commission recommended approval of the Ann Arbor Discovering Downtown (A2D2) zoning amendments during its meeting on Sept. 16, 2008. The proposed amendments, which represent the first major changes to downtown zoning since 1966, seek to implement the community's vision for the downtown developed in 2006 with the assistance of Calthorpe and Associates.

A series of public briefings on the draft code amendments will be held in November and December 2008, prior to moving them forward for City Council review. Members of the public are encouraged to attend to learn about the proposed ordinance changes. Each briefing will start with a presentation on the draft amendments, followed by a question and answer session with city staff. Public briefings are currently scheduled for:

- **Monday, Nov. 17, noon (Council Chamber, City Hall)**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. (Council Chamber, City Hall)**
- **Wednesday, Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m. (County Building, 200 N. Main)**
- **Thursday, Nov. 20, 3:30 p.m. (County Building, 200 N. Main)**

To schedule an individual briefing on the proposed A2D2 code amendments, contact Wendy Rampson at 734.994.2802 or [wrampson@a2gov.org](mailto:wrampson@a2gov.org).

The draft amendments and background materials are provided on the A2D2 Web site: [www.a2gov.org/a2d2](http://www.a2gov.org/a2d2). Members of the public are encouraged to send their comments on the draft amendments to [A2D2Feedback@a2gov.org](mailto:A2D2Feedback@a2gov.org) or 100 N. Fifth Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48107-8647.

Also see the A2D2 Web site at [www.a2gov.org/a2d2](http://www.a2gov.org/a2d2) for additional details and CitiTV replay schedules of the briefing presentations. For disability accommodations, call 734.994.2802 at least 24 hours in advance.

*Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and was named the No. 1 Healthiest Hometown in the U.S. by AARP The Magazine in 2008. Other notable recognitions include: No. 27 of the top 100 U.S. cities to live in by CNN/Money Magazine in 2008, as well as the fourth smartest city in the U.S. by Forbes Magazine. 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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