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Mountlake Terrace Considers Town Center Design Standards

Proposed Interim Town Center Design Standards for Mountlake Terrace will be featured at a 6:00 p.m. Open House and a 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission public hearing on February 13 at the Mountlake Terrace City Hall.

"We are really hoping to hear from people on the design standards and any ideas that may come up," said Shane Hope, the city's Planning and Development Director.

The city's Town Center, also known as "downtown," lies roughly between 228th Street SW on the north, 244th Street SW on the south, 55th on the east and 58th on the west.

The Interim Design Standards focus on architectural requirements and pedestrian features. They do not change the city's existing zoning regulations for building height, number of parking spaces, density, or allowable land uses.

Design standards would be interim because the City Council has directed development of a Town Center Plan to begin this year, with extensive public input, to address the downtown vision in more detail.

The Open House will include informal displays and copies of the draft Interim Design Standards. At the public hearing, Mark Hinshaw from LMN Architects will present graphic information on the standards. Public comments are invited.

The City's Planning Commission began working on Town Center design standards more than two years ago. After the February 13 hearing, the Commission will recommend to City Council whether the new standards should be adopted.

The City Council will hold its own public hearing on Interim Design Standards, before making a final decision.

For more information, contact the Mountlake Terrace Planning Division at 425.744.6266.

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