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**Mountlake Terrace Adopts
Town Center Design Standards**

Interim town center design standards for Mountlake Terrace's downtown business zone were adopted unanimously by the City Council on April 3.

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. It is already zoned for commercial use.

"We heard from a lot of people that they really want to see quality development in the downtown," said Mayor Jerry Smith, "and these new standards give everyone a clear picture of what's expected."

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

The standards are considered interim because they may be modified after a new Town Center Plan is adopted. Development of the Town Center Plan will begin this spring. It will include broad public input and have a more comprehensive approach to the Town Center vision.

Work on town center design standards began in 2003. The Planning Commission recommended a final version to Council in February of this year.

"We are thrilled that the new standards have been adopted," said Planning Commission Chair Alice Kier. "This is the most important issue we have faced in a long time."

The interim design standards can be viewed on the City's website at <http://www.cityofmlt.com/news.htm>. For more information, contact the Mountlake Terrace Planning Division at 425.744.6266.

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