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**Mountlake Terrace City Council  
Modifies Town Center Plan**

A vibrant, walkable downtown is the goal of a revised Town Center Plan that the Mountlake Terrace City Council will consider February 5 in a 7:00 pm meeting at City Hall.

Zoning code changes and a planned action ordinance would come later. The zoning code and planned action ordinance would be developed within the next four to six months to implement the plan and ensure that developers will fund their share of any needed improvements.

A Town Center Plan was recommended by the Planning Commission in December and was the subject of two public hearings. It has since been reviewed and revised by the City Council during five work sessions between January 2 and February 1.

The revised plan calls for a central core area, bounded by 56<sup>th</sup>, 58<sup>th</sup>, 232<sup>nd</sup>, and 234<sup>th</sup> streets, to be the focal point of a revitalized downtown. In this one-block area, new mixed-use buildings would be allowed up to 7 stories in height. The buildings would have to meet special design standards, including a "step-back" or tiered shape for upper floors. In the middle of the block, a public plaza with a water fountain would be developed. An east-west street with wide sidewalks would also cross through the block.

Under the plan, most of the rest of the existing downtown could have buildings up to three or four stories. An exception would be made for the area around the intersection of 236<sup>th</sup> and 56<sup>th</sup>, where development could be up to five stories tall if the upper floors are stepped back. This intersection is expected to be a focal point of entry from I-5 and a new Community Transit park-and-ride garage that will be built at 236<sup>th</sup> near the freeway.

Mountlake Terrace once had a viable downtown but over the years has lost business to other areas. The new plan is intended to encourage development that includes restaurants, coffee shops, retail stores, offices, and condominiums and provides places for people to gather in a walkable, attractive environment.

For a more information, check the City's Town Center webpage:  
[www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter](http://www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter) or call 425.744.6266.

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