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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Rapid City Planning Commission

FROM: Karen Bulman, Planner II

DATE: October 27, 2010

RE: Ordinance Amendment to amend Section 17.50.300 Landscaping Regulations of the Rapid City Municipal Code and the corresponding zoning districts

A Special Planning Commission meeting was held on September 14, 2010 to review the draft Landscape Ordinance and to receive further comments on the proposal. As a result of the meeting with the Planning Commission, additional changes were made to the proposed ordinance. The attached draft was submitted by the consultant on October 27, 2010, for consideration by the Planning Commission.

As noted in earlier discussions, a contract with Designworks, Inc. was approved to review the existing requirements for landscaping as provided for in the Rapid City Municipal Code, to recommend amendments and other changes to the City's existing landscape ordinances, and to provide draft ordinances for revisions to the Rapid City Municipal Code to implement the recommendations identified. Two public open houses were held on February 10, 2010 and June 30, 2010 to receive input from developers and others who work with the Landscape Ordinance.

Enclosed are copies of the existing Landscape Ordinance and the proposed Landscape Ordinance as prepared by the consultant, Designworks, Inc. Additional amendments to some zoning district regulations that are needed in conjunction with the landscape regulation changes, are also enclosed. An overview has also been prepared by the consultant providing a summary of the proposed changes to the ordinance.

The Second Floor Review Working Group, appointed by the Mayor, has requested that the Landscape Ordinance be continued until they have reviewed the proposed changes.



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