



# Press Release

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### **Moratorium on Conditional Uses Continues in Downtown Mountlake Terrace**

A moratorium on conditional uses in the downtown business zone was renewed by the City Council on December 17, 2007. The ordinance extends the current conditional use moratorium in the downtown ("BC/D") zone through June 14, 2008.

The moratorium is being continued to allow time to revise existing regulations, if needed, to match with the newly adopted downtown zoning code and the Town Center Plan. Any proposed changes would be subject to the usual public hearing process.

The Town Center Plan calls for downtown Mountlake Terrace to be a revitalized, central hub for business and community activity. By law, regulations need to match the plan.

The Council's action does not affect uses that are permitted outright, such as standard commercial buildings. Instead, it prohibits the establishment or expansion in the downtown zone of conditional uses that were allowed as of August 15, 2005. "Mixed uses" are exempted, since these were specifically supported by the citywide Comprehensive Plan and the new Town Center Plan.

Affected uses include: schools, membership organizations (including private clubs and religious facilities), government buildings, daycare centers, group homes, halfway houses, auto body repair service, and vehicle storage yards.

For more information, contact the City's Planning Division at 425.744.6280.

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