



MEMORANDUM

TO: Plan Commission
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FROM: Eric Berg, AICP, Senior Planner
THROUGH: Kevin Whaley, AICP, Director of Planning
DATE: January 29, 2025
RE: TA-23-101: Architectural, Procedural, and Administration

The next ordinance “platform” that we had intended to bring to you was related to:

- Coalescing and modernizing the architectural standards that are scattered through the ordinance,
- Clarifying procedures for development plans, planned unit developments, and other petitions, and
- Reviewing the administrative duties as compared to the Indiana Code and how those duties function within the Town.

An additional complicating factor is that the architectural, procedural, and administrative regulations are intertwined in unique way, much like an invasive vine in a garden. Decoupling the regulations while ensuring that we remain “business friendly” while advancing the goals of the Council, Commission, and community has been at the forefront of this effort.

We had placed a legal notice in the Indianapolis Star, perhaps a bit optimistically, but with the thought that the ordinance would be ready. While we believe that we are close, there is still additional work to do.

Also, we want to ensure that Mel Daniel and his team at Taft have sufficient time to give us the high-quality review that we’ve received with the prior ordinances. As we’ve said multiple times, we’re planners, not attorneys, and Mel’s knowledge of both the Indiana Code and case law, combined with his wealth of experience has given us a great deal of confidence in the work that we’ve brought before you.

We would also like to provide the Design Review Committee another chance to review the Architectural Standards. While there have not been significant changes since the last review, the membership has changed.

Staff is respectfully asking for a **tabling** of TA-23-101 and will keep the Commission apprised of a timeframe to bring the ordinance off the table for consideration.

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