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## **MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** August 9, 2007

**To:** Houghton Community Council

**From:** Dorian Collins, Project Planner 

**Subject:** **DRAFT INNOVATIVE HOUSING REGULATIONS (FILE ZON07-00005)**

### **Introduction**

At your meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>, staff will provide an overview of the draft regulations for innovative housing. These regulations have been under study by the Planning Commission for several months, and are scheduled to be considered at a public hearing on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Council action is anticipated to occur in November.

Staff would appreciate receiving comments from the Community Council, which will be passed along to the Planning Commission at its meeting on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. The draft regulations are included in Attachment 1 to this memorandum.

### **Background**

#### Evaluation Findings

Last December, staff presented the findings of the evaluation of the two demonstration projects built under the interim Innovative Housing regulations (Ordinance 3856) to the Community Council. The discussion included a reminder of the goals of the program, as stated in the interim ordinance:

- 1. Increase housing supply and the choice of housing styles available in the community through projects that are compatible with existing single-family developments; and*
- 2. Promote housing affordability by encouraging smaller homes*





Attachments

1. Draft Innovative ("Cottage, Carriage and Multiplex") Housing regulations, dated August 9, 2007
2. Memorandum from Michael Luis & Associates, Report on Builder/Architect Task Force, dated 3/16/07

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