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Mountlake Terrace to Hold Open House on Town Center Impact Study

An open house will be held April 24, 7:00 pm at the Mountlake Terrace City Hall for the public to learn about a Town Center impact study and how to provide input. The Mountlake Terrace City Council has requested an impact study to analyze impacts from future development under the new Town Center Plan.

The Town Center area covers about 72 acres along 56th Avenue West from about 228th Street Southwest to 244th Street Southwest. The area is mostly one block deep but widens to three blocks in some parts.

In early February, the City Council adopted a new Town Center Plan to jumpstart downtown revitalization and encourage walking and community-gathering in the area. The plan calls for wider sidewalks, street trees, and a public plaza with an interactive water fountain. Within a central one-block area, buildings could be up to seven stories tall if they meet design standards, with upper stories that tier back from the street. Most other areas could be only 3-4 stories. Mixed use that combines commercial space on the ground floor and living space above is encouraged.

Redevelopment over a 15-year period is expected to add about 200,000 square feet of retail space, including restaurants and coffee shops, and 800 housing units in the 72-acre downtown zone. Developers would be required to help pay the cost of public improvements connected with the growth. The impact study being undertaken will help identify specific needs and ways to meet them.

For more information, see the City's website at www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter.

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