

**MOTION**

**NO. M-16-212**

**CITY HALL: June 9, 2016**

**BY: COUNCILMEMBER RAMSEY** *nmr*

**SECONDED BY: COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAMS**

**WHEREAS**, the Council desires to have quality, affordable and diverse housing options in the City of New Orleans.

**WHEREAS**, Neighborhood and Housing Element of the Master Plan, Volume 2, Chapter 5 set forth the goal of developing a housing policy focused on building neighborhoods rather than projects or developments.

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan recommends enhanced character and livability for all neighborhoods, with investments to improve quality of life, which includes enhancing neighborhood commercial districts and residents' access to retail and services such as strategically locating of civic uses to anchor local commercial areas, provision for neighborhood corner stores where they are desired by residents, support for small business and merchants, and public investments that promote walkability.

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan recommends using zoning to create design guidelines to assist existing and new property owners in improving, expanding or constructing new development in line with the goals of the housing policies.

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan recommends develop design principles and standards for all districts that permit a mix of land uses and neighborhood commercial districts.

**WHEREAS**, the Master Plan recognizes that it is unlikely that all nonconformities can be eliminated.

**WHEREAS**, much of Algiers was developed with traditional suburban development patterns and zoning that are inconsistent with the goals of the Master Plan and modern trends in development.

**WHEREAS**, the zoning for Algiers did not significantly change when the Master Plan was initially adopted and when the new Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance was adopted.

**WHEREAS**, the Council desires the City Planning Commission (CPC) to study and make recommendation regarding the zoning in Planning Districts 12 and 13 to align the zoning with the goals of the Master Plan, including but not limited to requirements and standards in S-RM1 Multifamily Residential District related to design, use of quality materials, open space, green space, landscaping, setbacks, common areas and amenities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council desires comprehensive and consistent regulation of multi-family housing through the City, and recommendations from the City Planning Commission as to what provisions should be included in or omitted from the CZO, **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, That the City Planning Commission is hereby directed to conduct a public hearing and study on the zoning requirements and standards for multi-family housing in Planning Districts 12 and 13 to ensure quality, affordable and diverse housing options aligned with the Master Plan as further provided herein.

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**, That the City Planning Commission is hereby directed to conduct and complete the

study within 120 days of the passage of this motion and conduct the public hearing within 60 days of the passage of this motion.

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS,** That the City Planning Commission is hereby directed to include the following subject matter in the study:

1. Whether there should be a changes to any Bulk and Yard Regulation in S-RM1;
2. Whether there should be any additional regulations or standards related to design, materials, open space, green space, landscaping, setbacks, common areas and amenities.
3. If the current regulations and standards need to be amended, or if any additional supplemental use standards or a new zoning category are necessary to further regulate said use.

**BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS,** That in the process of conducting a public hearing and study on the regulation of multi-family housing and mixed use development in the Algiers as provided herein, the City Planning Commission and staff are directed and granted the flexibility to expand the scope of the study and make any and all legal and appropriate recommendations deemed necessary in light of the study, review, and public testimony resulting from this motion.

**THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION OF THEREOF AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:**

**YEAS:** Brossett, Cantrell, Gray, Guidry, Ramsey, Williams - 6

**NAYS:** 0

**ABSENT:** Head - 1

**AND THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED.**

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THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED  
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY  
*Lera W. Johnson*  
CLERK OF COUNCIL