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Mayor Michael P. Caldwell
2549 Washington Boulevard
Ogden, UT 84401

Dear Mayor Caldwell:

Earlier this year, the City Council reviewed a proposal to remove the newspaper noticing requirements for land use related items. This change was in accordance with recent changes to state law. After careful review and consideration, the Council decided not to adopt the changes as proposed. Several reasons were cited by the Council to continue to provide a notice through the newspaper including ensuring our older residents and residents with limited access to the internet have an opportunity to see public notices. When proposing the amendments, administrative staff cited several reasons for the changes. In addition to the amendments to state law, reasons cited included the extra cost of newspaper noticing and the extra time needed to provide proper notice based on city code requirements.

Although the original proposal was not adopted, Council members have expressed interest in revisiting the issue. Council member Ken Richey has created a Council initiative to review the newspaper noticing requirements and is requesting recommendations from the administration on how newspaper noticing can still be provided while relaxing some of the city mandated timing requirements to address the staff time and calendaring issues that currently exist. While the focus of the proposal reviewed by the Council earlier this year was on land use related items, Council member Richey would like to request the administration review newspaper noticing requirements for other items to determine if similar changes could be made in those areas as well.

We understand this request will take administrative staff time as well as the planning commission's time and attention. We express our gratitude for this work and for the continued contributions the administrative staff and the commission make on behalf of our great city.

If there are any questions about this request, please contact the Council Office at (801) 629-8153.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "AC", written over a light blue background that features a faint, stylized map of Utah.

Angela Choberka
Chair, Ogden City Council

cc: Chief Administrative Officer Mara Brown, CED Director Brandon Cooper, Planning Manager Barton Brierley, Management Services Director Lisa Stout, City Recorder Tracy Hansen, Mayor-elect Ben Nadolski