



**PETITION NUMBER:** 0807-ZOA-13  
**REQUEST:** To add Special Districts to the Westfield-Washington Township Zoning Ordinance, WC 16.11.38 *et al*  
**EXHIBITS:**  
1. Staff Report  
2. Ordinance  
3. Special Districts Use Table  
  
**STAFF REVIEWER:** Al Salzman  
**PETITION HISTORY:** None.

**PROCEDURAL**

- The July 7, 2008 Workshop Meeting represents the first appearance of the Zoning Ordinance Amendment for section WC 16.04 Special Districts
- Notification of the July 7, 2008 Workshop Meeting was provided in accordance with the Rules of Procedure. Notice of the July 7, 2008 Workshop Meeting was posted to the City web site and at City Hall.
- Petitions for Zoning Ordinance Amendments are not approved at Workshop Meetings. The purpose of the Workshop Meeting is to allow Advisory Plan Commission members and the public to become familiar with the pending amendment, identify issues, and inquire as to potential modifications prior to the full Advisory Plan Commission public hearing.

**REVIEW OF CHANGES**

The Special Districts ordinance represents the introduction of new districts to the Zoning Ordinance, intended to provide specifically for preservation areas, park and recreation areas, religious and educational institutions, and government facilities.

The Special Districts are constructed to address provisions of the existing standards that have resulted in recurring requests for variances from the Board of Zoning appeals.

The Special Districts ordinance is intended to work in concert with proposed revisions to the existing Development Plan Review language. The intention of these revisions is to reduce unnecessary appearances before the Advisory Plan Commission and provide for increased Administrative review of uses within Special Districts, encourage flexibility and innovation in design, and provide incentive for reducing environmental impacts through site design.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Forward this item to the July 21, 2008 Advisory Plan Commission meeting for Public Hearing.

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