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ADDENDUM TWO: COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA

STAFF REPORT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE HISTORIC PROPERTIES PLAN AMENDMENT IN THE NATIONAL SCENIC AREA.

**APRIL 17, 2006 PUBLIC HEARING
CASE FILE # PC 06-004**

Page 22 of the staff report contains MCC 38.7380(G)(5), which requires any proposed commercial use on an historic property to be compatible with the surrounding area. We have added language to ensure that this standard is not applied to the extent it would prohibit commercial uses on historic properties such that the building cannot be maintained. Alternatively, considering other related approval criteria proposed by staff and optional language drafted following the April 3, 2006 Planning Commission work session, it may be advisable to eliminate this standard altogether.

Option One:

Remove this standard from the code all together.

Option Two:

Modify the standard to ensure it cannot be applied to the extent that it counteracts the purposes of the plan amendment. Proposed language to modify the standard is below with the new text in bold.

Deleted:

(5) The proposed use shall be compatible with the surrounding area. Review of compatibility shall include impacts associated with the scale of the use, effects of noise, traffic generation, and hours of operation. **This shall not be applied to the extent that it prevents the preservation of the historic building.**