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Dear City Council,

I am writing to recommend approval of TA-2024-01-00033 regarding minor subdivisions.

I believe the changes will be well received by those less experienced with Hammond's development process and learning how best to go about it. Veterans to the process will also appreciate the most popular elements of the minor subdivision process have been retained or reinforced. Additionally, some applicants have been expressing a preference to see more in-house approval combined with a more expedited timeline. This possibility has been thoroughly investigated, and baring some limitations within RS 33:113 requiring hearings and their advanced advertisement, every available effort to provide a lean processing time and more hands-on guidance will be instituted by this amendment.

The amendment will also make the administration of Hammond's Unified Development Code more straightforward, and allow replacement of outdated diagrams with new handouts better communicating our development process.

The amendment will be a definite step in the right direction for Hammond Planning, and once the Council has reviewed the Planning and Zoning Commission's report on its other merits, I encourage a vote to make it effective at the earliest time.

Sincerely,

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