

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
September 20, 2007

Media Borough Council met in Council Chambers of the Media Municipal Center on the above date with the following officials present: President Daly, Vice-President Hall, Councilmen Williamson and Councilwoman Simpson. Borough Manager Smith and Solicitor Scott were also in attendance.

President Daly called the Public Hearing to order at 7:35 p.m.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCES:

- **BALTIMORE AVENUE OVERLAY DISTRICT ORDINANCE – AMENDMENT OF BUILD-TO LINE**
- **ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR EFFICIENCY APARTMENTS**

Councilman Williamson summarized the Baltimore Avenue Overlay District Ordinance, which was adopted in July (2007). The ordinance established guidelines for a streetscape enhancement overlay district along Baltimore Avenue. During the Public Hearing for the Ordinance adopted in July, concerns were raised about buildings being too close to the street. Ordinance No. 1038 is up for adoption this evening and requires that the build-to line for building location in the TND-1 Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District be set back five (5) feet from the Right-of-Way line of Baltimore Avenue.

Vice-President Hall summarized Ordinance No. 1037, Establishing Standards for Efficiency Apartments. The ordinance requires that efficiency apartment units have a minimum floor area of at least 375 square feet as set forth in the Uniform Construction Code.

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Jane Rowland, E. Second Street, inquired as to whether or not existing apartments would be grandfathered under the Efficiency Standards Ordinance and it was determined that they would and that this ordinance only applies to new apartments.

Solicitor Scott noted that the Efficiency Standards Ordinance cross-references the proposed Hotel/Motel Ordinance. If occupants of a hotel/motel intend to stay longer than 30 days, the room must meet the standards as set forth in the Efficiency Standards Ordinance.

Letitia Jeavons, 216 N. Monroe Street, confirmed that the existing apartments would be grandfathered under the Efficiency Standards Ordinance.

Robert Green, 40 E. Jefferson Street, inquired about the status of the Hampton Inn & Suites project. Councilman Williamson mentioned that applicant has acquired the property and intends to demolish the building and submit a by-right plan in the November timeframe.

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Smith
Borough Manager/Secretary