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PLANNING & ZONING MEETING SET FOR WEDNESDAY AT 6 P.M.

Kenner, LA. – The Kenner Planning & Zoning Commission is expected to render a recommendation on an item at its regular meeting scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 25 that would extend the deadline by one year for compliance with the city regulations for the storage of recreational vehicles on private property.

The City adopted a set of zoning regulations for the storage of recreational vehicles such as RVs, trailers and boats in its new Unified Development Code (UDC) that was approved last March. The new regulations require that recreational vehicles must be in garages, driveways, backyards or side yards screened off by fences or hedging.

Prior to the adoption of the UDC, the city's comprehensive zoning ordinance only addressed the storage of camping and recreation equipment, not recreational vehicles.

The effective date for compliance with the new regulations was 12 months from the effective date of the UDC, (April, 2017) to give RV owners time to come into compliance. Following the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission of either approval or denial, the item will then move forward to the City Council for final action. If approved by the City Council, that effective date for compliance would be extended an additional year – to April 2018.

After twice listening to the concerns of recreational vehicle owners, City Council members have indicated they intend to review the new regulations with the goal of devising a compromise that takes into account the concerns that only recently have been made public.

Planning Director Jay Hebert said residents are welcome to attend Wednesday's Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, but stressed that as with all Planning Commission meetings; it is a procedural step in which the Commission is required to provide a recommendation to the proposed change to extend the deadline for the recreational vehicle storage rules to go into effect. The City Council would then take final action on the proposed change.

"The extension will provide adequate time for officials to review the existing regulations and determine if revisions are necessary in order to come up with a fair solution," Hebert said. "City officials have indicated that a public meeting or meetings will be held in order to seek additional input from those affected by the rules."

The Planning & Zoning Commission meets at 6 p.m. in the City Council chambers, 1801 Williams Boulevard.

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