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Memorandum

To: Planning Commission
From: Susie Stec, Director – Community & Economic Development
Date: June 16, 2023
RE: Zoning Determination – 27300 Southfield Road

In May, the city administration became aware that the property south of City Hall (27300 Southfield Road) had changed ownership. Around this same time, renderings had been placed in the window indicating that Skylar Laundromat was “coming soon”. The Building Department staff made the new owner, Sadier Abro, aware that he needed to speak with the Community & Economic Development Department prior to any work being done. Prior to meeting with Mr. Abro, I discussed the proposed laundromat use with the city’s planning consultants and the City Attorney.

Subsequently, I met with Mr. Abro to discuss the need for site plan approval for his facade renovation, as well as express my concerns regarding the proposed use of a laundromat. I informed him that the proposed laundromat use does not fit within the stated use categories (either principally permitted or special land uses) for the Mixed-Use district.

Given the lack of clarity within the Zoning Ordinance, I am requesting that the Planning Commission discuss the proposed laundromat use and make a determination as to whether or not the use is permitted or not in the Mixed-Use district. Furthermore, if it is determined to be permitted in the district, the Planning Commission should clearly identify if the proposed laundromat use is similar to principally permitted uses or special land uses. Once a determination is made, it will help to inform elements of the site plan review process moving forward.