



MEMORANDUM

Date: February 11th, 2026

To: City of Madison Heights Planning Commission [February 217th, 2026 Meeting]

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Subject: Continuing Education - Zoning Practice

Introduction

The Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) program encourages Michigan municipalities to provide their boards and commissions with continuous opportunities for training and education. In this spirit, staff aims to provide the Planning Commission with topical planning or zoning-related resources (e.g. articles, publication, videos, etc.) on a periodic basis. This month, we are including a copy of *Zoning Practice*, a monthly publication put out by the American Planning Association (APA). *Zoning Practice* provides insights on current zoning issues and trends and provides guidelines and recommendations for municipalities to update their zoning codes.

This edition of *Zoning Practice* from 2023 is titled “Practice Gentle Density” and discusses how to accommodate and encourage a variety of infill housing types while simultaneously respecting existing neighborhood character. This topic will certainly come up in our Master Plan update, especially within the Housing and Neighborhood components.