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FROM: City Councilman John G. Clamp

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SUBJECT: Economic Incentives for Residential Home and Small Business Improvements through Property Tax Valuation Freezes

DATE: March 10, 2010

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

I respectfully ask for your concurrence in requesting staff to study the feasibility of property tax valuation freezes to promote residential and small business property improvements.

Brief Background

I would like to request that staff study the feasibility for the city to incentivize residential home and small business improvements by freezing property valuation by the amount of the improvements made.

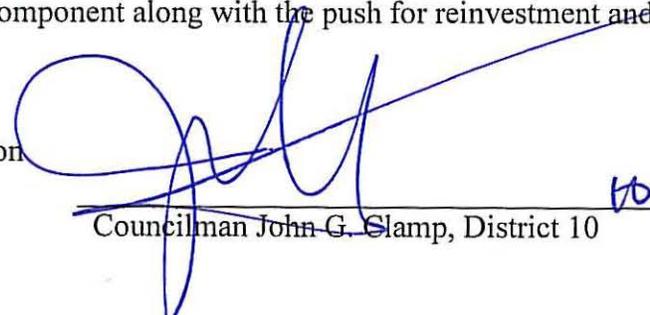
This proposal will promote:

- Home improvement projects
- Small business upgrades
- **The local economy through the sale of materials, labor and other associated costs**

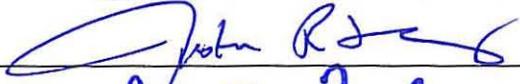
By freezing the valuation of the property, the owner has the ability to partially recoup the cost of improvements made. As a condition of this program, the recipient will be required to pull all necessary permits and pass inspections.

Recently, the city has put forth a number of proposals for redevelopment, infill development and corporate retention. However, there needs to be a concerted effort to include a small business and residential component along with the push for reinvestment and economic development.

Submitted for Council consideration
by:



Councilman John G. Clamp, District 10

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