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**PUBLIC HEARING MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 9, 2018

**TO:** Councilor Susan Albright, Chairman  
Members of the Zoning and Planning Committee

**FROM:** Barney Heath, Director, Department of Planning and Development  
James Freas, Deputy Director of Planning  
Rachel Blatt, Long Range Planner

**RE:** **#143-18 Zoning amendment to delay effective date of garage ordinance**  
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING proposing to further amend Chapter 30, Section 3.4.4 of the Revised Ordinances as amended by Ordinance A-78, to implement a deferred effective date for the ordinance of December 1, 2019 or such other appropriate date, for the purpose of allowing the Planning Department to complete a comprehensive study thereof.

**MEETING:** March 12, 2018

**CC:** Planning Board  
Ouida Young, Law Department  
Commissioner John Lojek, Inspectional Services Department

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With implementation of the garage ordinance in the summer of 2016, there were a number of people who found their current or planned house or garage projects blocked. At the same time, many in the design community have raised concerns about the content of the ordinance, suggesting that it may have gone too far in addressing the issues associated with garages dominating the streetscape.

In October 2016, the Council passed a deferral on implementation in order to allow time for further discussion.

At this time, the Planning Department is seeking a deferral of the effective date until the end of the current Council term, December 1, 2019, so that it can be studied and discussed further.