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Council adopts resolution creating RT5 zoning district

The Common Council on Tuesday, April 22 adopted file #240997 – an ordinance relating to creation of the RT5 zoning district. In the RT5 district, the maximum number of dwelling units allowed (after Council approval) in a multi-family building would be five to eight units, compared to four units in the RT4 district. The design standards for the RT5 district are similar to those for the RT4 district, with a few variations to reflect the possibility of slightly larger buildings in the RT5 district. The creation of the RT5 zoning does not currently apply this new zoning tool to any properties in the city, and changing a parcel to RT5 would require an open and public approval process.

Common Council President José G. Pérez, who authored the file, believes this tool will provide another option to diversify Milwaukee’s housing stock. “I will continue to push the envelope to provide a wide variety of housing types for City of Milwaukee residents. We are a diverse city that needs a unique and diverse housing supply, and where applicable, RT5 zoning will add to that menu of options, setting forth design and placement standards for these small to mid-sized developments,” he said.

President Pérez said he is also grateful to colleagues who joined as sponsors of the legislation.

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