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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Jennifer Peterson, Community Development Director

Date: April 20, 2009

Subject: **Discussion of Retaining Walls**

As requested by Council, staff has drafted language to clarify the intent of limiting the height of retaining walls.

Rather than adjust the language of the supplemental regulations, staff recommends creating a new definition:

“Wing wall means a wall that is constructed and poured at the same time as the building foundation, and is structurally a part of the building foundation. A wing wall is not a retaining wall.”

Additionally, staff recommends modifying the existing retaining wall definition to say a retaining wall is not a wing wall.

Staff has not been able to discuss the matter with the Mill Glen neighborhood given the short timeframe, but will accomplish that prior to the text amendment's return to Council for vote.

Should Council direct staff to initiate this text amendment, it would be heard by the Community Council on May 7th, the Planning Commission on June 9th, and Council for a first and second read on June 22nd and July 13th, respectively.