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Attachments: Universal Design Features in Houses.pdf; Description of Universal Design.docx

Kris,

I said I would send you info on Universal Design. In general, it includes interior design issues in a new home which are installed to allow a younger retired couple to include changes right up front that will allow them to age in place. It involves things like widening the doorways a few inches to allow wheelchair access, rearranging kitchen cabinets so a limited mobility person can access everyday items. Some are structural changes and some are simple hardware changes. A lot of the universal design work came out of the University of North Carolins and was taken up by the National Association of Home Builders and others.

Attached is a detailed check sheet containing a whole variety of items a new home buyer could pick from and a shorter fact sheet summary of what "Universal Design" is.

When I mentioned that the cost could be as low as \$300.00 for including universal design, I was referring to the basic structural modifications and not the large list of hardware and cabinet options noted in the attached article by the Universal Institute.

I am proposing to the Senior Advisory Committee that we recommend to the BCC that they instruct staff to review mandating that all new permit seekers for new residential construction must offer a universal design option and that the requirement is included in the rewrite of the four area plans you are currently working on.

Regards

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