

## AT LAST, PROTECTIVE ZONING FOR THE NSHD

November 2005, was a very significant month for the North Slope Historic District. The City Council approved the zoning change we had long been seeking. When our neighborhood was designated a historic district a few years back, we got some important protection. Changing the underlying zoning to helped cement that protection.

Briefly the zoning change means:

First and foremost, all of the North Slope is now covered by one zoning category with the appropriately bureaucratic name "Historic Mixed Residential-Special Review District" (HMR-SRD).

Second, the new zoning removes the possibility of placing of large conditional-use facilities in our neighborhood. Smaller-sized facilities (usually 6 or fewer residents) are allowed, just as in areas zoned single-family residential.

Finally, the change provides additional protection for the southern uphill portion of the NSHD which was previously zoned R2. The new zoning makes it clear that in cases of conflicts between what zoning ordinances and the Historic District allow, the historic guidelines and criteria prevail.