

# SPOT ZONE ACTION TAKEN

## *First Section of Petition to Stop Asserted Abuses Filed With City Clerk*

The first section of an initiative petition, seeking to change the zoning ordinance so as to put a stop to spot zones was filed with City Clerk Dominguez yesterday by the Federated Civic Organization. If the names of voters in sufficient number are filed with the petition, the proposed amendment to the ordinance will be submitted to a vote of the people at the November 8 election.

The section filed yesterday is estimated to include 20,000 names.

The multitude of spot zones granted by the City Planning Commission and approved by the City Council has developed into an abuse of the ordinance, according to J. R. Spring, secretary of the organizations.

A spot zone is a variance from the zoning restrictions, and applies usually to one lot, which the owner wishes to develop for commercial or industrial uses. The amendment

• will require a reclassification of the entire zone.

Spring states that at present 650 miles of streets have been zoned for business, sufficient to take care of the needs of a population of 15,000,000.

"The orderly development of the city has been thrown into such a chaotic condition that drastic action is necessary to correct the destruction of our residential districts and property values," states Spring. "Spot zoning has become nothing more than a racket. This amendment will check an evil that has become a public outrage."