

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	15606	Agenda Number	102.
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Meeting Date:	5/24/2012	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the City Code to define a new land use "Pedicab Storage and Dispatch" and describe the zoning districts in which it is permitted. (Suggested date and time: June 14, 2012, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	
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For More Information:	Robert Heil, 974-2330.
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Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by Planning Commission.
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Related Items:	
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Additional Backup Information

Staff recommends approval of this code amendment. Currently, pedicabs are considered taxi cabs, and regulated the same as their larger automotive counterparts. Specifically, it is currently only allowed in Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) and Central Business District (CBD) zoning districts as conditional uses.

In contrast, bicycle sales and services are considered as a general retail sales (convenience) use, and permitted in most commercial districts. The new pedicab use would have impacts closer to those of a bicycle rental store, and staff recommends it be permitted at a similar level.