

C20-2011-032

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW SHEET

Amendment: C20-2011-032 Land Uses in DMU and CBD Zoning

Description: Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2-491 of the City Code relating to permitted, conditional, and prohibited uses in Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) and Central Business District (CBD) designation, to make electronic prototype assembly and electronic testing permitted in the DMU and CBD base zoning district.

Proposed Language: See attached draft ordinance.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this amendment.

Background: Initiated by Planning Commission on October 25, 2011

The uses “electronic prototype assembly” and “electronic testing” are currently prohibited in the DMU and CBD base zoning base district. The recommended change to allow these uses stems from companies related to the high tech industry that exist in the downtown area and would like to have the ability to assemble and test their products. Electronic prototype assembly and electronic testing do not involve manufacturing or synthesis from raw materials, only assembly and testing of finished components.

Board and Commission Actions

Downtown Commission: April 17, 2013 – Unanimously voted 11-0 to recommend that electronic prototype assembly and electronic testing in CBD and DMU zoning districts be a conditional use.

Planning Commission Subcommittee on Codes and Ordinances: May 21, 2013 – Unanimously recommended approval to Planning Commission that electronic prototype assembly and electronic testing be permitted in CBD and DMU zoning districts, on a 6-0 vote, with direction to staff to get input from the Fire Department on possible levels of hazardous waste associated with said uses and existing safeguards.

Planning Commission: A public hearing at Planning Commission has been set for May 28, 2013.

Council Action

City Council: A public hearing at City Council has been set for June 6, 2013.

Ordinance Number: NA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Greg Dutton, Planning & Development Review Department

FROM: Michael Knox
Executive Liaison, Downtown Commission

DATE: April 18, 2013

RE: Downtown Commission Recommendation on an Amendment to CBD and DMU
base zoning districts, to permit electronic prototype assembly and electronic testing
(C20-2011-032)

At the April 17, 2013 meeting of the Downtown Commission, the commission voted 11-0 to recommend that electronic prototype assembly and electronic testing in CBD and DMU zoning districts be a conditional use.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Knox

Michael Knox
Executive Liaison, Downtown Commission

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

1 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 25-2-491 OF THE CITY CODE
2 RELATING TO PERMITTED, CONDITIONAL, AND PROHIBITED USES IN
3 DOWNTOWN MIXED USE (DMU) AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT
4 (CBD) DESIGNATION.
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6 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
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8 **PART 1.** City Code Section 25-2-491 (*Permitted, Conditional, and Prohibited Uses*) is
9 amended to reflect the following:

10 Electronic Prototype Assembly and Electronic Testing are permitted uses in the
11 following base districts:

12 Downtown Mixed Use (DMU)
13 Central Business District (CBD)
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15 **PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2013.

16 **PASSED AND APPROVED**
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21 _____, 2013 § _____

22 Lee Leffingwell
23 Mayor
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25 **APPROVED:** _____
26 Karen M. Kennard
27 City Attorney
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ATTEST: _____
Jannette Goodall
City Clerk