

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 30136 Agenda Number 86.

Meeting Date: 2/13/2014 Department: Planning and Development Review

Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 to amend the occupancy limit for unrelated individuals in single-family zoned property.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

| Purchasing Language: | |
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| Prior Council Action: | August 8, 2013 - Council approved a resolution initiating amendments to the City Code relating to dwelling unit occupancy limits. |
| For More Information: | Greg Dutton, Planning and Development Review, 512-974-3509. |
| Boards and Commission Action: | January 28, 2014 - Approved by the Planning Commission on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Roark off the dais and Commissioner Nortey absent. February 10, 2014 - To be reviewed by the Community Development Commission. |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

On November 21, 2013, the City Council directed the City Manager, in Resolution 20131121-053, to work on a code amendment examining a possible reduction in occupancy for unrelated individuals. This Council Resolution was in response to concerns about over-occupancy in single-family zoned neighborhoods, where "stealth dorms" have cause code compliance issues. Specifically, the Council Resolution states:

"...initiates a code amendment related to dwelling unit occupancy that will set the maximum number of unrelated adults who may reside in structures allowed on single-family zoned property at four and directs the City Manager to process the code amendment and bring it to Council on or before January 30, 2014. The Planning Commission may elect to recommend a different maximum; it may also recommend that the code amendment be limited to some parts of the city, or be offered as a tool available to Neighborhood Planning Teams, rather than as a provision that applies to the entire city."