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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	32000	Agenda Number	47.
Meeting Date:	5/1/2014			Department:	Planning and Development Review
Subject					
Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 to allow placement of accessible ramps in required setbacks and to exclude accessible ramps from impervious cover calculations. (Suggested date and time: May 22, 2014, 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Fiscal Note					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	August 8, 2013 - Council approved a Resolution No. 20130808-060 initiating a code amendment to exempt accessible ramps from setback requirements, and directed the City Manager to review and make recommendations for reducing or eliminating fees and establishing an expedited review process for accessibility ramps. August 22, 2013 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20130822-034 waiving development fees for the construction of accessible ramps for existing single-family and duplex residential dwelling units built by qualifying non-profit entities for income-eligible individuals. February 27, 2014 – Council conducted a public hearing and approved an ordinance on first reading with amendments. March 20, 2014 – Council approved an ordinance on second reading with amendments and re-opened the public hearing.				
For More Information:	John M. McDonald, Planning and Development Review, 512-974-2728.				
Boards and Commission Action:	January 28, 2014 - Approved by the Planning Commission on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Nortey absent, with additional direction to staff to include language that expedites the permitting process to no more than seven days.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					
Additional Backup Information					
On August 8, 2013, Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate an amendment to Title 25 of the Land Development Code to allow placement of accessible ramps in a required yard setback. The proposed code amendment will modify requirements for setbacks and impervious cover.					

On February 27, 2014, Council conducted a public hearing and approved an ordinance on first reading with the following amendments:

- Require the applicant to submit an affidavit that the ramp is for a disabled resident.
- Require that the ramp be no wider than forty-eight (48) inches in width, except for segments required for a run, which may be up to sixty (60) inches.
- Prohibit ramp from having a roof or walls, with the exception of railing.
- Clarify that, in order to be eligible for the impervious cover exemption, applicants must use existing impervious cover to the greatest extent possible.

On March 20, 2014, Council approved an ordinance on second reading with amendments removing occupancy requirements and the requirement for a statement or affidavit, and re-opened the public hearing.