

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 33522 Agenda Number 106.

Meeting Date: 6/26/2014 Department: Planning and Development Review

Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 relating to requirements for parkland dedication in connection with building permits and subdivision plats. (Suggested date and time: August 7, 2014, 4:00 p.m. at Travis County Commissioner's Court, 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Greg Dutton, Planning and Development Review Department, 512-974-3509.
Boards and Commission Action:	July 22, 2014 – To be reviewed by the Planning Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin requires parkland dedication fees to be paid at subdivision for residential developments where parkland is not being dedicated. In the past, developers of commercial plats were allowed to place a note on the plat stating that no residential uses are allowed in order to document the exemption from parkland requirements. Today, these plat notes make it difficult to obtain financing for residential construction in subdivisions that are zoned residential and entitled to develop as residential projects. The proposed code amendment will establish a different process for documenting parkland requirements in connection with subdivision approvals and will allow applicants of existing subdivisions to update older plat notes stating that residential uses are prohibited, provided that parkland is dedicated or fees are paid prior to issuance of building permits.