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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		Item ID	36739	Agenda Number	124.
Meeting Date:	10/23/2014			Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
Subject					
Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 related to safe, mixed income, accessible, and reasonably priced transit-oriented housing.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Fiscal Note					
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:	April 10, 2014 – Council approved Resolution No. 20140410-026.				
For More Information:	Contact Elizabeth Spencer, Director, 512-974-3182; or Regina Copic, Real Estate & Development Manager, 512-974-3180				
Boards and Commission Action:	September 9, 2014: Community Development Commission voted to support the recommendations of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. October 28, 2014: The Planning Commission approved the staff recommendation for SMART Housing code amendments.				
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

If approved, this ordinance would amend the program requirements for safe, mixed income, accessible, and reasonably priced transit-oriented housing (S.M.A.R.T. Housing™) related to transit orientation. This ordinance is being brought forth for Mayor and Council's consideration per Council Resolution No. 20140410-026.

Proposed code changes for S.M.A.R.T. Housing™:

- Require development location to be within ½ mile walking distance of a transit route at time of application
- The Director may waive the transit-oriented requirements for developments if they meet the following criteria:
 1. Location within a high opportunity area as identified by the Director and established in the program guidelines;
 OR
 2. Application includes a letter from Capital Metro confirming that a future route is documented in agency plans.