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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	49834	Agenda Number	72.
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Meeting Date:	10/15/2015	Department:	Planning and Zoning
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F pertaining to residential design and compatibility standards, commonly known as "McMansion," relating to the calculation of gross floor area for garages and carports.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Greg Dutton, 512-974-3509.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	September 22, 2015 – Postponed indefinitely by the Planning Commission on a 11-0 vote with Commissioner Seeger absent. The amendment will be sent to a working group of the Planning Commission, with the working group reporting back to the full Planning Commission by January 1, 2016. Working group members are Commissioners Shieh, White, and Stevens.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In March 2015, the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (RDCC) wrote a memo the City Council outlining problems with existing Subchapter F code related to gross floor area exemptions for garages and carports. The primary issue noted in the memo is that a gross floor area exemption given for a carport can be reduced if said carport is enclosed, causing a property to exceed the allowable Floor Area Ratio (FAR).

The proposed amendment will prevent a change in exemption due to enclosure of a carport.