

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	55084	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	3/3/2016	Department:	Planning and Zoning
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Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 related to the neighborhood plan design tool garage placement standards. (Suggested date and time: March 31, 2016, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

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:	March 22, 2016 – To be reviewed by the Planning Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Planning Commission initiated a code amendment on August 25, 2015, to clarify development standards for the neighborhood plan garage design tool. The garage design tool is part of a package of optional design and infill tools that are presented to neighborhoods during the neighborhood planning process. The tool requires that a garage not be closer to the front lot line than the front façade of the principle structure, and may not exceed 50% of the width of the principal structure.

Staff has interpreted “principal structure” to include a house and attached garage, which allows for a garage that is 1/2 of the total house and garage façade. This was not the intent of the garage placement design tool. The intent was to allow up to 1/3 of the total house and garage façade. The proposed amendment would clarify the original intent of the design tool.