

# AGENDA



## Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

56903

Agenda Number

27.

Meeting Date:

4/14/2016

Department:

Planning and Development Review

### Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 related to the neighborhood plan design tool known as garage placement standards.

### 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 - Approved by the Planning Commission with amendments on a vote of 9-3 with Commissioners Thompson, Wilson, and Kazi voting against, and 1 vacancy.

**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.