

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	60630	Agenda Number	65.
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Meeting Date:	8/4/2016	Department:	Planning and Zoning
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Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 to change regulations related to Subchapter F gross floor area exemptions for garages and carports. (Suggested date and time, September 1, 2016, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd 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:	September 22, 2015 – Postponed indefinitely by the Planning Commission on a 11-0 vote and sent to working group. Commissioner Seeger absent. June 28, 2016 – Denied by the Planning Commission on a 9-2 vote with Commissioners Nuckols and McGraw voting nay, and Commissioners Thompson and Kazi absent.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

In March 2015, the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (RDCC) wrote a memo to City Council outlining problems with existing Subchapter F of the Austin City 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 and leave in place a flat exemption based on the distance the parking structure is away from the primary structure.