

**NEW BUSINESS: CODE AMENDMENT INITIATION REVIEW SHEET**

**Amendment:** Initiate an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code regarding the definition of mirrored glass.

**Description:** The code amendment request stemmed from discussions concerning a variance to the Waterfront Overlay Combining District section 25-2-721(E)(1) pertaining to the prohibition of mirrored glass or glare producing glass surface building materials for the 70 Rainey Street project. The Committee recommended that the Planning Commission grant the variance.

During discussions amongst themselves and with the applicant's architect, engineer, and attorneys, the Committee members discussed the suitability of the current "mirrored glass" definition of "...glass with a reflectivity index greater than 20 percent." The current definition dates from the mid/late 1980s and does not reflect changes in best practices and advances in building materials technology.

Should the amendment be initiated, the Committee's requested that the amendment process consider:

- Building efficiency standards
- Best practices
- Quality of life
- Safety
- Existing conditions in Austin.

**Proposed Language:** TBD

**Background:** Initiation recommended by Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee on September 19, 2018.

**Staff Recommendation:** NA

**Board and Commission Actions:**

**Council Action:**

**Ordinance Number:** NA

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