



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-1364, **Agenda Item #:** 56.

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Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending various sections of City Code Title 25 (Land Development) to waive fees for neighborhood plan amendment applications for SMART Housing projects and plan amendment applications initiated by neighborhood plan contact teams.

Lead Department

Planning and Zoning

Fiscal Note

This item will have no fiscal impact.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 27, 2018 - Initiated by the Planning Commission.

August 27, 2019 - Recommended by the Planning Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

The proposed code amendments are intended to waive fees associated with neighborhood plan amendments (NPA) when they are initiated by neighborhood plan contact teams (NPCT) and those for SMART housing projects.

The City Council established a formal amendment process for adopted neighborhood plans in March 2008. This action also established the roles and responsibilities of NPCTs. The Council made subsequent code changes regarding NPCTs and amendments in December 2009 and June 2017. It has been practice to not charge NPCTs the fees associated with an NPA when they initiated one; however, following a study of the Planning and Zoning Department's fees it was brought to staff's attention that the Code does not have language allowing these fees to be waived.

SMART housing projects are eligible to receive a number of fee waivers, as listed in Code section 25-1-704(A) (1-29); however, in this list of possible waivers, there is not one for NPAs. It has been practice to waive fees; however, the same fee study mentioned above identified that there were not code provisions allowing the waiver.