City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2537, **Agenda Item #:** 96.   7/29/2020

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 related to demolition permits, including notification and utility service requirements. (Suggested date: August, 27, 2020 at 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas)

Lead Department

Development Services Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

June 17, 2020 - Adoption of the ordinance amendment was presented to the Codes & Ordinances Joint Committee for recommendation.
July 28, 2020 - Adoption of the ordinance amendment will be presented to the Planning Commission for recommendation.

Additional Backup Information:

In 2017 the City Auditor conducted an audit of the demolition permit process. Their report identified necessary changes which led to a City Council resolution adopted in December of that same year. That resolution directed the City Manager to obtain feedback from stakeholders in order to redesign the demolition permitting process. The resolution also initiated code amendments relating to requirements that reflect staff and stakeholder recommendations. The Development Services Department was the lead department assigned to this work.

Shortly thereafter, the Development Services Department began stakeholder engagement which included four meetings with 123 attendees. Online engagement via Speakup Austin was conducted concurrently.

Based on the recommendations we received from both external stakeholders and internal stakeholders, the Development Services Department responded to City Council's resolution with the Demolition Permit Process Report in October of 2018.

Strategic Outcome(s):

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