

Affordability Impact Statement

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Department Demolition Permit Amendment

Proposed Regulation	The draft ordinance would amend Title 25 of the City Code related to demolition permits, including notification and utility service requirements. Under the proposed changes, an applicant for a demolition permit must provide notice of the demolition to adjacent residential structures as well as post the demolition permit on the premises 5 to 10 days before the demolition takes place.
Impact on Housing Development Cost	Positive Negative Neutral The proposed changes will not have a significant positive or negative impact on existing housing costs. The cost of printing the required signage for the premises and notifying adjacent neighbors is estimated at less than \$20. The fee for a demolition permit is unchanged by this ordinance. The utility service requirements will not directly affect the cost of development but may serve to make City operations more efficient and effective.
Impact on Affordable Housing	Positive Negative Neutral The proposed changes present no direct impact to affordable housing development.
Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan Policies Implemented	None.
Strategic Housing Blueprint Strategies Implemented	None.
Other Policy Considerations	This ordinance is responsive to a City Auditor's report, Council resolution, and stakeholder input on the demolition permitting process. Providing notice of a demolition after a permit has already been issued will not change the outcome of a demolition and does not allow additional opportunities for community engagement or intervention in the development process.
Proposed Alternative Policy Language	None.
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Manager's Signature	A