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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-3589, Agenda Item #: 7.

12/3/2020

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance reauthorizing and modifying the pilot program adopted by Ordinance No. 20200604-047 that authorized specific businesses to use private parking lots and public right-of-way for expanded business operations.

Lead Department

Development Services Department

Fiscal Note

Due to the low application cost for the Shop the Block permit, there may be a fiscal impact to the General Fund to pay for reviews and inspections of permitted sites.

Prior Council Action:

June 4, 2020 - Ordinance No. 20200604-047 creating a pilot program that would authorize specific businesses to use private parking lots and public right-of-way for expanded business operations was approved on consent on Mayor Pro Tem Garza's motion, Council Member Pool's second on a 10-0 vote. Council Member Harper-Madison was off the dais.

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Additional Backup Information:

In June of this year, Council approved Ordinance No. 20200604-047, which established the Shop the Block Program. This ordinance directed the City Manager to place an ordinance that extends the Shop the Block Program on the December 3, 2020 Council Agenda. If approved, this ordinance will (a) extend the pilot program until June 16, 2021; (b) allow the use of sound equipment under certain conditions; (c) change the length of permits from 30 days to 180 days (6 months); and (d) establish a process to revise an approved layout during the six month permit period.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All, Economic Opportunity and Affordability.