

Austin Parks and Recreation Department
Briefing on:

Parkland Dedication Requirements for Commercial Developments

Parks and Recreation Board
May 23, 2022

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Community Input Timeline – Complete or in process

April 25, 2022

- PARD Staff briefed The Parks and Recreation Board on the Draft Commercial Parkland Dedication Study

April 26, 2022

- PARD Staff begins drafting Commercial Parkland Dedication Ordinance language. Informational campaign launches across social media platforms and City blog

May 9 –
June 12, 2022

- Commercial Parkland Dedication Project Webpage, SpeakUP Austin community survey/forum, Storymap and Press Release all made available to the public. Public comments open through June 12

Community Informational Campaign

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New Parkland Dedication Ordinance for Commercial Developments
April 26, 2022 - 1:44 pm



About this blog

In the Parks connects Austinites to the places they love. From youth programming to Austin's premier public spaces such as Zilker Park and Barton Springs pool, in the Parks shares the stories that define our quality recreational, cultural, and outdoor experiences for the Austin community, just as we've explored what makes Austin's park system one of the best in the world.

Archives

2022 March

- Ordinance Honoring Juan Hernandez
- 2022 Summer Commemorative Run for 2000 Miles and Beyond: Castor Gonzalez
- Learn How to Donate at the Zilker Landfill
- Helping Out for Area for Free Space
- March First Quarter with the 2022 Series

2022 February


- Support Texas Openness at Emma Loree

Blog post

Austin Parks and Recreation Department
April 26 at 12:37 PM

Why does Austin need a Commercial Parkland Dedication Ordinance? It would help us close critical gaps in our trails + expand alternative transportation options for commuting or just plain recreating. #ParksAtWork

Learn more + see the presentation: bit.ly/3ODIVM1



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Currently, the Parkland Dedication Ordinance requires dedication or fee-in-lieu for new residential and hotel/motel developments, recognizing parks as necessary for the well-being of the future occupants of the new development. Public parks are also necessary for the well-being of the City's workforce and commerce, and new commercial developments create a need for additional parkland in order to serve future users of the commercial spaces. The Commercial ordinance

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What is Parkland Dedication Commercial?

One of the Austin's growth tenets is to provide parks and open space close to where people live, work and play. Currently, Austin's residential parkland dedication ordinance accounts for where people live by requiring new single-family, multi-family, and hotel developments to dedicate parkland or pay fees in-lieu of dedication, but not where they work and play - the impact of commercial developments. A new Commercial Parkland Dedication (PLD Commercial) Ordinance would enact new requirements for land dedication or fee-in-lieu of dedication to




Project Webpage

Parkland Dedication Commercial

Parks at Work - Providing Parks Where People Live, Work, and Play

City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department
May 3, 2022

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Urban Office

Park space would serve the future occupants of the office, supporting mental and physical well-being, and act as a refuge for employees as well as an invitation to the community



Storymap

Community Input

Parkland Dedication for Commercial Development



Public parks provide significant benefit for the well-being of Austin's workforce and commerce, and new commercial developments create a need for additional parkland in order to serve future users of the commercial spaces. The Commercial Parkland Dedication Ordinance will complement the existing ordinance for residential and hotel/motel developments and provide parkland near where people live and work.

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For more information, email PLD.commercial@austintexas.gov.

Survey Discussion Topics

PLD Commercial Development Input

The following survey will help guide the Austin Parks and Recreation Department as they draft a new parkland dedication ordinance for commercial development to present before boards, commissions, and City Council.

Parkland dedication is a local government requirement imposed on subdivision and site plan applications mandating the dedication of land for a park or the payment of a fee to be used by the governmental entity to acquire land or develop park facilities.

COMPLETE FORM

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Anticipated Schedule

- Community Feedback**
During the community feedback, community members can provide input on parkland development for commercial development.
- Draft Commercial Development Ordinance**
PARD staff work to create draft of ordinance to be reviewed.
- Review of draft by City of Austin, boards and commissions, City Council**
Draft ordinance is reviewed where community members can also speak to the process.
- City Council Adoption of Ordinance**
City Council will review and make changes as necessary before approving the Parkland Dedication Commercial Development Ordinance.

Survey link:

https://www.speakupaustin.org/parkland-dedication/survey_tools/pld-commercial-development-input

Dedicated contact for feedback and to request more information:

pld.commercial@austintexas.gov

Speak UP! Austin Community Survey and Forum



Community Input Timeline – Future engagement

May –
June, 2022

- Meetings with key stakeholders in small groups to receive feedback on ordinance language

June 15,
2022

- Presentation on Draft Commercial Parkland Dedication Ordinance Language to Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee

June 28,
2022

- Presentation on Draft Commercial Parkland Dedication Ordinance Language to Planning Commission

July 28,
2022

- Tentative presentation on Draft Commercial Parkland Dedication Ordinance Language to City Council

Thank you

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