



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2599, **Agenda Item #:** 185.

7/28/2022

Posting Language

Authorize a fee-in-lieu of on-site affordable housing for a proposed commercial development subject to Plaza Saltillo Transit Oriented Development Regulating Plan and located at or near 1008 E. 7th Street, Austin, Texas 78702.

Lead Department

Housing and Planning Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

If approved, this action will authorize the director of the Housing and Planning Department (HPD) to accept a fee-in-lieu of on-site affordable housing for the proposed commercial development located at or near 1008 E. 7th Street, Austin TX 78702. The property and development are subject to the Plaza Saltillo Transit Oriented Development Regulating Plan (Regulating Plan).

Under this Regulating Plan, a fee-in-lieu is appropriate if a development demonstrates a compelling reason not to provide affordable housing on-site. The Regulating Plan requires Council approval before HPD can accept a fee-in-lieu payment. The City Code sets the current fee at \$13.

The proposed development is located in City Council District 1 and in the Corridor Mixed-Use Subdistrict. The proposed development consists of a commercial building that will be used as a hotel.

The proposed development seeks a density bonus in the form of waivers to Compatibility Standards. Specifically, the developer seeks a total bonus area of 18,938 square feet. To receive the height bonus, the Regulating Plan requires on-site affordable housing or, if approved by Council, a fee-in-lieu payment estimated \$246,194 (18,938 additional sq. ft. * \$13/sq. ft.).

Because the proposed development will not include residential, HPD recommends Council find that the developer demonstrated a compelling reason to pay a fee-in-lieu of on-site affordable housing.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.