

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Kimberly A. McNeeley, M. Ed., CPRP, Director

Austin Parks and Recreation Department

THROUGH: Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager

DATE: November 4, 2022

SUBJECT: Staff Update Regarding Code Amendments for Commercial Parkland Dedication

(Resolution No. 20220407-042)

This memo serves as an update and to close out the staff response regarding <u>City Council</u> <u>Resolution 20220407-042</u>, which initiated code amendments to require parkland dedication for office, industrial, and commercial developments, and directed the City Manager to engage with stakeholders, gather input from parks advocates, establish the legally required nexus, and place the amendment on a Council agenda with sufficient time for it to be adopted and included in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

The Department completed its work in August 2022, and on September 15, 2022, City Council approved Ordinance 20220915-059, which amended the FY23 City of Austin Budget to adopt a new parkland dedication fee schedule. At the same meeting City Council approved Ordinance 20220915-053, which made amendments to City Code Chapter 25-1 to initiate parkland dedication requirements for commercial development and amended existing requirements for residential development.

Should you have any questions, please contact Randy Scott, Program Manager III, Park Planning, at (512) 974-9484 or Randy.Scott@austintexas.gov, or Liana Kallivoka, Assistant Director, at (512) 974-9455, or Liana.Kallivoka@austintexas.gov.

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