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City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2892, Agenda Item #: 43.

10/19/2023

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 related to parkland dedication requirements and state law House Bill 1526. (Suggested Date: November 9, 2023, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas).

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

January 28, 2016 - Council approved resolution No. 20160128-086, which initiated code amendments to the Parkland Dedication Ordinance in City Code Chapter 25-1 (*General Requirements and Procedures*).

September 15, 2022 - Council approved Ordinance No. 20220915-053, which amended City Code Chapter 25-1 relating to residential and commercial parkland dedication regulations.

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Council Committee. Boards and Commission Action:

None.

Additional Backup Information:

During the 88th Texas Legislative session, House Bill 1526 was passed which establishes how cities with more than 800,000 residents can require parkland dedication for multifamily and hotel/motel units. Additionally, House Bill 1526 prohibited parkland dedication for commercial developments. On June 10, 2023, House Bill 1526 went into effect, and the new parkland dedication requirements will apply to all new site development plan applications beginning January 1, 2024. The Parkland Dedication Ordinance is being amended to comply with the new law. The dwelling unit and density factors stipulated in the bill must be set no later than December 1, 2023, and be in effect by January 1, 2024.