

City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-3241, Agenda Item #: 36.

11/9/2023

Posting Language

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 by repealing and replacing Chapter 25-1, Article 14 (*Parkland Dedication*) to align the City's parkland dedication requirements with House Bill 1526; and waiving Code provisions related to processing amendments to City Code Title 25 (Land Development).

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

January 28, 2016 - Council approved Ordinance 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:

October 18, 2023 - Recommended by the Codes and Ordnances Joint Committee on a 5-0 vote with one Committee Member abstaining.

October 23, 2023 - The Parks and Recreation Board received a presentation and recommended Recommendation Number 20231023-3 on an 11-0 vote.

October 24, 2023 - The Planning Commission postponed the item to November 14, 2023 on a 12-0 vote with Chair Shaw absent.

November 14, 2023 - To be heard by the Planning Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

House Bill 1526, which was passed during the 88th Legislative Session, establishes how cities with more than 800,000 residents can require parkland dedication for multi-family 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 City's parkland dedication requirements are being amended to align with the new law. The dwelling unit and density factors stipulated in the bill must be set no later than

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December 1, 2023, and be in effect by January 1, 2024.