

Thursday, September 27, 2007

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 62

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-6 of the City Code, relating to sidewalks, to include a new variance process, new building permit requirements, and proposed fee-inlieu process. (Suggested date and time: October 18, 2007, 6:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Planning Commission.

Currently sidewalks are only required with new subdivisions or site plans. This amendment specifies that sidewalks may be required at the time a building permit is issued for new construction or a major addition to an existing structure. The amendment also allows an applicant in certain cases to contribute to a sidewalk fund in lieu of constructing a required sidewalk. Additionally, it makes all waivers from sidewalk requirements administrative. At present a waiver may be granted administratively if requested with a site plan but must be approved by the Land Use Commission if requested with a subdivision.