

AGENDA



Thursday, October 18, 2007

**Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 87**

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an amendment repealing and replacing Article 8 of Chapter 25-12 of the City Code (Solar Energy Code) to adopt the Uniform Solar Energy Code, 2006 Edition, and certain local amendments to the 2006 Uniform Solar Energy Code.

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 Mechanical, Plumbing and Solar Board.

Prior Council Action: Current Solar Energy Code was adopted by Council in 1988.

The current Solar Energy Code (USC) was adopted by Council in 1988. It is out of date in terms of existing technology. This item proposes repealing this code as the City of Austin standard and adopting the 2006 Uniform Solar Code, which will bring Austin up to standard regulations for solar systems installed across the United States.

The 2006 Uniform Solar Code and Local Amendments consists of language taken from the adopted electrical, mechanical, building and plumbing codes and consolidates the language into one document (Uniform Solar Code) so as to provide consistency in the installation of solar systems.