

Late Backup



MEMORANDUM

TO: Marc Ott, City Manager

FROM: Greg Canally, Budget Officer

DATE: May 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Visitability Standards

Item # 48 on the May 8, 2008 Council Agenda is to approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate amendments to City Code Chapter 5-1 (Housing Discrimination), the 2006 International Residential Code, the 2005 Electrical Code, and other related codes, adopting Visitability standards for all new single-family homes and two-family dwellings (duplexes).

This item impacts any new single-family residence or condominium built in Austin. Staff from the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department (WPDRD) will be available to manage this item. Additional review and inspection time is expected to incorporate these changes to the City Code. Therefore, at this time, it is estimated work on this effort could require up to two new FTEs – 1 to assist with reviewing and 1 to provide added inspection services – to meet the requirements of this Resolution.

Upon completion of the code changes and amendments, the department anticipates implementing this effort sometime in January of 2009. Any adjustments to this schedule will be reported back to Council.