

Thursday, June 5, 2008

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Item No. 49

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25 of the City Code relating to the application of the Central Urban Redevelopment (CURE) combining district to property designated Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) district. (Suggested date and time: June 18, 2008, 6:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX)

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Currently, the application of the Central Urban Redevelopment (CURE) combining district to property allows for the adjustment of maximum height and maximum floor-to-area ratio (FAR). This proposed amendment would allow compatibility standards to be modified for properties with a base zoning of Downtown Mixed Use (DMU) district and combining district zoning of Central Urban Redevelopment (CURE) combining district.

There are areas of the central business district with Downtown Mixed Use (zoning) where a Central Urban Redevelopment (CURE) combining district has been applied to permit projects in keeping with the overall goals of the City for the central urban core. In these highly developed portions of the urban core, there may be cases where compatibility standards may not be fully appropriate or supportive of appropriate development. This amendment would allow City Council to adjust compatibility standards, on a case-by-case basis only, for properties zoned DMU-CURE.