

AGENDA



Wednesday, June 18, 2008

**Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 38**

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 13-4-61, "Railroad Quiet Zones", to add Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Capital Metro) commuter rail line quiet zones. Related to Item #37.

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

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Prior Council Action: February 15, 2007 Council approved Ordinance No. 20070215-016 amending Chapter 13-4 of the Code of Ordinances to add Article 4 and Section 13-4-61 Railroad Quiet Zones.

Chapter 13-4 of the City Code was amended in 2007 to add Section 13-4-61, "Railroad Quiet Zones" in conjunction with the establishment of a quiet zone for the Union Pacific highway-rail grade crossing on Dittmar Road. Quiet zones have also been established at six crossings on the Capital Metro rail line. Capital Metro desires to designate additional highway-rail grade crossings as quiet zones and is willing to fund the necessary modifications to the roadways and to the railroad warning devices. An interlocal agreement between the City and Capital Metro for the additional designations is being considered as a separate agenda item.

Amendments to Section 13-4-61 are needed to provide a reference to the quiet zones established under the proposed Interlocal Agreement with Capital Metro, and to clarify the conditions under which a locomotive horn may be sounded.