

AGENDA



Thursday, August 7, 2008

Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 91

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the City Code relating to the applicability of development incentives for affordable housing.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by Planning Commission.

Prior Council Action: June 22, 2006 - Council directed the City Manager to assemble an Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force.

June 7, 2007 - The City Council approved a resolution amending the S.M.A.R.T. Housing Initiative Policy to incorporate staff recommendations to enhance policy and programs in response to recommendations presented by the Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force Report.

November 8, 2007 - The City Council directed the City Manager to forward recommendations of the AHITF regarding incentives for downtown, multi-family and single-family development to boards and commissions for review and recommendation.

January 31, 2008 - The City Council approved an amendment to Chapter 25-2 of the City Code relating to affordable housing development incentives. February 28, 2008 - Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to process a code amendment to create a neighborhood planning tool to utilize the affordable housing incentives for single-family development.

July 24, 2008 - Council set the public hearing.

On January 31, 2008, the City Council approved an ordinance to amend Section 25-2 of the City Code to provide development incentives to increase the amount of affordable housing for downtown, multi-family and single-family development within the City's zoning jurisdiction. The amendment was based on recommendations by the Affordable Housing Incentives Task Force (AHITF).

On February 28, 2008, the City Council approved a resolution directing the City Manager to process a code amendment to create a neighborhood planning tool to utilize the affordable housing incentives for single-family development.

The proposed code amendment would create a new tool that could be adopted as part of the neighborhood planning process. If included in an adopted neighborhood plan, the option would create incentives for the construction of affordable housing, as part of the City of Austin's S.M.A.R.T. Housing program, in SF-2 and SF-3 zoned land.