

Thursday, February 26, 2009

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION Item No. 25

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider and approve amendments to Title 25 of the City Code, to grant a one-time extension of the period of time for projects and site plans to remain valid. (Suggested date and time: March 12, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.) To be reviewed by the Planning Commission on February 24, 2008 and March 10, 2008.

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Prior Council Action: December 11, 2008: Approved Resolution No. 20081211-069.

On December 11, 2008, Council passed a resolution directing the City Manager to begin the process of considering amendments to Title 25 of the City Code to grant a one-time extension of the period of time for which current projects and site plans are valid by two additional years from the site plan expiration date, including any extensions previously granted. The resolution conditioned the extension on compliance with certain Code and criteria manual amendments that occurred after the site plan was approved, which at a minimum will include those for floodplain maps, environmental and water quality regulations, and sidewalk regulations. Council requested input from the Environmental Board, the Planning Commission and the Zoning and Platting Commission on the proposed amendments, and requested that they also provide feedback on whether the Code should provide that the extension "may" be granted administratively or "shall" be granted administratively.