

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW SHEET

Amendment: C2O-2009-004

Description:

Amend Chapter 25-2 of the City of Austin Land Development code to allow the Pet Services use as a permitted use in Central Business District (CBD) base zoning.

Background:

The Pet Services land use is the use of a site for the retail sale of small animals customarily used as household pets, or the provision of veterinary, grooming, or boarding services, totally within a building. This use includes pet stores, small animal clinics, and pet grooming shops, but excludes uses for livestock and large animals. It also excludes the outdoor boarding of animals permitted in the Kennels use. Currently the Pet Services use is a permitted use in neighborhood commercial (LR), community commercial (GR), general commercial services (CS) and downtown mixed use (DMU) base district zoning but is prohibited in central business district (CBD) base district zoning. As the downtown residential population has increased, there has been increased demand for pet services in downtown.

Departmental Comments:

Allowing Pet Services as a permitted use in CBD base district zoning would increase the range of desired services available to downtown residents. The requirement that all activities take place totally within a building would prevent any adverse effects of noise or odor. The Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee of the Planning Commission has recommended this code amendment.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the proposed code amendment.

Planning Commission Action:

February 27, 2009: The Planning Commission recommended approval 9-0.

City Council Date and Action:

March 12, 2009: City Council set a public hearing for April 23, 2009

April 23, 2009: The amendment is scheduled for public hearing and action by City Council.

Ordinance Readings:

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