Thursday, October 1, 2009

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 46

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 of the City Code to change the interim zoning designations granted at annexation for standard and small single-family lots shown on an approved preliminary plan or final plat. (Suggested date and time: December 10, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

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Based on current regulations, properties receive an interim zoning designation upon annexation.

Standard single-family lots shown in an approved preliminary or final plat before 1984 receive a designation of interim single-family residence standard lot (I-SF-2) district zoning. Small single-family lots in an approved final plat receive a designation of interim single-family residence small lot (I-SF-4A) district zoning, regardless of date. Standard single-family lots that were platted after 1984 receive a designation of interim rural residential (I-RR) district zoning.

When annexed, most properties receive a designation of I-RR zoning. As a result, many homeowners encounter difficulties getting permits for minor improvements to their homes that would be permitted under I-SF-2 and I-SF-4A.

The proposed code amendment will allow standard single-family lots shown in an approved preliminary or final plat to receive the I-SF-2 designation upon annexation, regardless of the date the plat was approved; and will allow small single-family lots shown in an approved preliminary or final plat to receive the I-SF-4A designation upon annexation.

These zoning designations will still be considered interim, and it will remain the property owner's responsibility to request appropriate initial zoning.