AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	**Item ID**	11728	**Agenda Number**	5.
Meeting Date:	12/15/2011	**Department:**	Planning and Development Review	

Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapters 25-1 and 25-2 of the City Code to modify requirements for open space (C20-2010-020).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no anticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	May 26, 2011: Council set the public hearing for June 23, 2011. June 23, 2011: Council postponed action to August 4, 2011. August 4, 2011: Council postponed action to September 22, 2011. September 22, 2011: Council postponed action to October 20, 2011, December 8, 2011, approved the ordinance as amended on first and second reading.
For More Information:	George Zapalac, 974-2725
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by Planning Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This amendment was initiated by the City Council to change the requirements for private open space that is required to be provided in commercial and multi-family developments. By Resolution No. 20090514-036, City Council directed staff to review and make recommendations on modifications to the city-wide standards and criteria for what qualifies as open space. The resolution further stated that the proposed revisions should consider the needs of families and children, including child-friendly features such as interactive play spaces, art, requirements for public access, bicycle and pedestrian connectivity, and the functionality of the open space provided. By Resolution No. 20090514-036, City Council directed staff to review and make recommendations on modifications to the city-wide standards and criteria for what qualifies as open space. The proposal is intended to clarify when and how open space is to be provided and sets forth requirements for amenities and design of the space.

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.