

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW SHEET

Amendment: C20-2013-004 Plaza Saltillo

Description: Consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25 of the City Code to allow Indoor Entertainment as a conditional use in the TOD Mixed-Use Subdistrict of the Plaza Saltillo TOD zoning district.

Proposed Language: See attached draft language.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends this amendment.

Background: Initiated by Council Resolution 20130131-031 on January 31, 2013.

This amendment would make “Indoor Entertainment” a permitted use in the TOD Mixed Use Subdistrict of the Plaza Saltillo TOD. Indoor Entertainment is defined as “a predominantly spectator use conducted within an enclosed building. This includes meeting halls and dance halls”. The TOD Mixed-Use Subdistrict is defined as “the most intensively developed land use zone and will typically be expressed as high density residential over active ground floor uses, such as retail. This land use designation is concentrated near the transit station and along primary streets that lead to it...”.

The Plaza Saltillo TOD refers to the area of East Austin roughly bounded by I-35 to the west, 3rd or 4th street to the south, Chicon to the east, and 7th street to the north. In 2009, the properties located roughly within in this boundary were rezoned to TOD-NP zoning. This zoning adopted a Regulating Plan with specific regulations aimed at promoting multi-modal development within walking distance of the Plaza Saltillo MetroRail Station. These regulations replaced 25-2 of the Land Development code as related to height limits, development standards, and building design standards.

Board and Commission Actions

Planning Commission Subcommittee on Codes and Ordinances – Recommended approval of this item to full Planning Commission on March 19, 2013. Vote: 5-0.

Planning Commission – Recommended approval of this item on March 26, 2013. Vote: 9-0.

Council Action

City Council – Public hearing postponed by staff from April 11, 2013 to April 25, 2013.

Ordinance Number: NA

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