

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	30133	Agenda Number	84.
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Meeting Date:	2/13/2014	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2 regarding density bonus regulations in the Downtown Density Bonus Program and the Rainey Street Subdistrict.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

June 27, 2013 – Council approved Ordinance No. 20130627-105 to streamline the Downtown Density Bonus Program and to modify C.U.R.E. zoning;
 August 8, 2013 – Council approved Resolution No. 20130808-052 initiating amendments to the City Code to create a minimum affordability period and mechanism for an affordable housing land trust for affordable housing units in the Rainey Street Subdistrict.
 October 17, 2013 – Council approved Resolution No. 20131017-032 initiating amendments to City Code Chapter 25-2 to make the Rainey Street Subdistrict eligible to participate in the Downtown Density Bonus Program and to address other density regulations affecting the Rainey Street Subdistrict.

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Boards and Commission Action:

January 14, 2014 - Recommended by the Community Development Commission on a 11-4 vote with Commissioner's Coles, Decierdo, Langley and Seals absent.
 January 15, 2014 - Recommended by the Downtown Commission on a 13-0 vote with Commissioners Simonich and MacKinnon absent. Recommendation No 20140115-005
 January 28, 2014 - Approved by the Planning Commission on a 7-1 vote with Commissioner Nortey absent and Commissioner Hatfield against.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

There are three related sets of code amendments proposed for consideration as a part of this action.

On June 27, 2013, Council approved Ordinance No. 20130627-105 to streamline the Downtown Density Bonus Program and to modify C.U.R.E. zoning. This ordinance did not include all of the community benefits identified in

the Downtown Austin Plan. The first set of code amendments proposed as a part of this action will codify the other community benefits identified in the plan.

On August 8, 2013, Council approved Resolution No. 20130808-052 initiating amendments to the City Code to create a minimum affordability period and a mechanism for an affordable housing land trust for affordable housing units in the Rainey Street Subdistrict. The second set of code revisions proposed as a part of this action will address these amendments.

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Staff recommends approval of these amendments.