

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Item ID 36739 Agenda Number 44.

Meeting Date: 10/23/2014 Department: Neighborhood and Community Development

# Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider approval of an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 related to safe, mixed income, accessible, and reasonably priced transit-oriented housing.

## Amount and Source of Funding

### Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	April 10, 2014 – Council approved Resolution No. 20140410-026.
For More Information:	Contact Elizabeth Spencer, Director, 512-974-3182; or Regina Copic, Real Estate & Development Manager, 512-974-3180
Boards and Commission Action:	September 9, 2014: Community Development Commission voted to support the recommendations of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. October 28, 2014: To be reviewed by the Planning Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

### Additional Backup Information

If approved, this ordinance would amend the program requirements for safe, mixed income, accessible, and reasonably priced transit-oriented housing (S.M.A.R.T. Housing $^{TM}$ ) related to transit orientation. This ordinance is being brought forth for Mayor and Council's consideration per Council Resolution No. 20140410-026.

Proposed code changes for S.M.A.R.T. Housing<sup>™</sup>:

- Require development location to be within ½ mile walking distance of a transit route at time of application
- The Director may waive the transit-oriented requirements for developments if they meet the following criteria:
  - 1. Location within a high opportunity area as identified by the Director and established in the program guidelines;

OR

2. Application includes a letter from Capital Metro confirming that a future route is documented in agency plans.