

ORDINANCE NO. 20141106-085

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE IMAGINE AUSTIN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING THE SOUTH AUSTIN COMBINED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. FINDINGS.

- (A) In June, 2012, the City Council adopted the "Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan."
- (B) Article X, Section 5 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to adopt by ordinance additional elements of a comprehensive plan that are necessary or desirable to establish and implement policies for growth, development, and beautification, including neighborhood, community, or area-wide plans.
- (C) In December, 2012 and January, 2013, surveys were distributed to residents in the neighborhood planning area, and subsequent meetings were held with the City of Austin neighborhood planning staff and homeowners, renters, business owners, non-profit organizations and non-resident property owners to prepare a neighborhood plan. The South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan followed a process first outlined by the Citizens' Planning Committee in 1995, and refined by the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Planning Committee in 1996. The City Council endorsed this approach for neighborhood planning in a 1997 resolution. This process mandated representation of all of the stakeholders in the neighborhood and required active public outreach. The City Council directed the Planning Commission to consider the plan in a 2012 resolution. During the planning process, the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan planning team gathered information and solicited public input through the following means:
 - (1) collection of existing data;
 - (2) neighborhood inventory;
 - (3) neighborhood survey;
 - (4) neighborhood workshops; and
 - (5) neighborhood open houses.
- (D) The South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan recommends action by the neighborhood planning team, the City, and by other agencies to preserve and

improve the neighborhood. The vision statement and goals of the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan are as follows:

(1) Vision Statement

Create a complete community that is mobile and interconnected; compact, accessible, and affordable; natural and sustainable; healthy, safe, created, and engaged.

(2) Goals

(a) Mobile and interconnected: Encourage walking, bicycling, and transit use through design and education.

(b) Compact, Accessible, and Affordable:

1. Maintain the residential character of the Residential Core, ensuring that future development or redevelopment is appropriate to the district. Create walkable, people-friendly destinations in Neighborhood Node, Mixed-Use Activity Hub, and Activity Center districts. Expand housing options in all districts.

2. Encourage a diverse, intergenerational, family-friendly community by maintaining household affordability.

(b) Natural and Sustainable:

1. Improve access to and amenities in area parks.

2. Protect, enhance, and expand the neighborhood's green infrastructure.

3. Promote environmentally sustainable practices.

(c) Healthy, Safe, Creative, and Engaged:

1. Increase the overall health of the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning area.

2. Improve the community's safety and upkeep.

3. Increase creativity and collaboration in the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Planning area to promote a sense of community and a unique sense of place.

PART 2. ADOPTION AND DIRECTION.

- (A) Appendix G of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan is amended to add the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan as an attached small area plan, as set forth in Exhibit A, which is incorporated as part of this ordinance.
- (B) The city manager shall prepare zoning cases consistent with the land use recommendations in the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan.
- (C) The city manager shall provide periodic updates to the City Council on the status of the implementation of the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan.
- (D) The specific provisions of the South Austin Combined Neighborhood Plan take precedence over any conflicting general provision in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.


PART 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance takes effect on November 17, 2014.

PASSED AND APPROVED

November 6, 2014

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