

AFFORDABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT
NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:
RESOLUTION NO:

PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT:	ADOPTION OF THE 2014 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE. THIS CODE IS COMPRISED OF THE 2014 NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE WITH LOCAL AMENDMENTS.
IMPACT ON REGULATORY BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	☐ POSITIVE ☐ NEGATIVE ☑ NEUTRAL  THE ADOPTION TO THE 2014 NEC WILL BRING THE CITY OF AUSTIN CURRENT WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS THAT ADOPTED THE 2014 NEC EARLIER THIS YEAR.
LAND USE / ZONING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	☐ POSITIVE ☐ NEGATIVE ☑ NEUTRAL
IMPACT ON COST OF DEVELOPMENT	☐ Positive ☐ Neutral
	THE IMPACT IS PRIMARILY CREATED FROM THE INCREASE OF SAFETY REQUIREMENTS; SUCH AS EXPANDED USE OF ARC-FAULT CIRCUIT PROTECTION, AND GROUND-FAULT CIRCUIT INTERRUPTER PROTECTION. ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL COST IS \$350 TO \$600 PER HOUSE, DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE HOUSE.
IMPACT ON PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING	☐ POSITIVE ☐ NEGATIVE ☑ NEUTRAL
PROPOSED CHANGES IMPACTING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY:	
ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE TO MAXIMIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES:	
OTHER HOUSING POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:	THE ADOPTION OF THE 2014 NEC WILL BRING THE CITY OF AUSTIN UP TO DATE WITH THE CURRENT BUILDING STANDARDS UTILIZED IN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES. THE STANDARDIZATION OF THE SAFETY CODES PROVIDES PREDICTABILITY FOR DEVELOPERS AND BUILDERS
DATE PREPARED:	OCTOBER 6, 2014
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	34 Copic for Betsy Spencer