

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW SHEET

Amendment: C20-2015-001 Adult-Oriented Businesses

Description: Consider an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code related to location requirements and zoning regulations for adult-oriented businesses.

Proposed Language: See attached draft language.

Summary of proposed code changes:

- Makes all adult-oriented business conditional in the CBD and DMU zoning districts.
- Prohibits adult-oriented businesses from being located within 1000 feet of a public library or museum.

Background: Initiated by Council Resolution 20150226-038.

Council Resolution 20150226-038 initiated a code amendment related to adult-oriented businesses, stating that “Austin’s Downtown is a thriving hub of cultural and economic activity as well as being the center of state government and a growing residential area,” and “museums and libraries are other sites often frequented by children but do not trigger prohibitions for proposed adult-oriented businesses.” The resolution further stated that “making adult-oriented businesses conditional rather than permitted uses in the CBD and DMU zoning categories will allow for more public participation and more thoughtful consideration of how a proposed adult-oriented business use relates to the visions outlined in the Downtown Austin Plan, Imagine Austin, and other Council-adopted plans.”

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends the proposed code amendment.

Board and Commission Actions

March 17, 2015: Recommended by the Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee on a 3-0 vote (Commissioners Chimenti and Zaragoza absent), with additional direction to staff to look at changing floor area percentage requirements for certain AOBs.

March 18, 2015: Recommended by the Downtown Commission on a 9-0 vote (Commissioners Barrera, Galligan, Gilbert, Roark, Sokol, Walkter absent).

March 24, 2015: Recommended by the Planning Commission on a 8-0 vote with 1 vacancy.

Council Action

April 16, 2015: A public hearing has been set.

Ordinance Number: NA

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