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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 48815 | Agenda Number | 74. |
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| Meeting Date: | 9/17/2015 | Department: | Planning and Zoning |
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Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F, commonly known as "McMansion," relating to the calculation of gross floor area for garages and carports. (Suggested date and time: October 15, 2015, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

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| Purchasing Language: | |
| Prior Council Action: | |
| For More Information: | Greg Dutton, 512-974-3509. |
| Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action: | September 22, 2015 – To be reviewed by the Planning Commission. |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

In March 2015 the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (RDCC) wrote a memo the City Council outlining problems with existing Subchapter F code related to gross floor area exemptions for garages and carports. The primary issue noted in the memo is that a gross floor area exemption given for a carport can be reduced if said carport is enclosed, causing a property to exceed the allowable Floor Area Ratio (FAR).

The proposed amendment will prevent a change in exemption due to enclosure of a carport.