

Exhibit A to Ordinance No. _____

Interim Parkland Dedication & Fee In-Lieu Criteria

The following criteria shall be used to guide the Director's application of Section 25-1-602 (*Dedication of Parkland*) and Section 25-1-605 (*Fee In-Lieu of Parkland Dedication*) until the Director adopts Parkland Dedication Operating Procedures by administrative rule, at which time the criteria in that document will control.

Criteria for Parkland Dedication Determinations

- a. In determining whether to allow payment of a fee in-lieu or to require dedication of land, PARD will review preliminary plans, final plats, and site plans to determine whether land is required to address a critical need, deficiency in parkland or to provide connectivity. This may include meetings either before or after development applications are filed with the applicant on-site to discuss ideas for addressing parkland dedication requirements of City Code.
- b. If an applicant requests a determination prior to submittal of a subdivision or site plan application, as authorized by Section 25-1-605(C), PARD's determination will be binding for that project for a period of one year provided that the number of units in the submitted site plan or subdivision does not change by more than 10%.
- c. In determining whether to require land dedication, fee in-lieu of land dedication, or combination of the two, PARD will consider the criteria specified in the ordinance as well as the following additional considerations:
 - ✓ Whether a park, private parkland open to the public, or School Park is located within ¼-mile in the urban core or within ½-mile outside the urban core of the development site.
 - ✓ Whether other residential developments are in process or are anticipated in proximity to the development site that would continue to pressure parkland development in the area.
 - ✓ The availability of superior sites for which a fee-in-lieu of land may be used to purchase alternate land.
 - ✓ Whether the proposed site can be configured to create a public park accessible to those in the neighborhood (i.e., can neighbors walk to the site, or, if not, can parking be provided at the site? Does the land provide

safety by being visible from the Right of Way and having adequate road frontage?).

- ✓ Whether the site topography is adequate for desired park development.
- ✓ Whether the project site can provide a connection to existing parkland or future parkland desired.
- ✓ Whether a park on the site would meet Imagine Austin goals for gathering areas and outdoor play in corridors and centers; opportunities for healthy living for residents; provision of usable green infrastructure and bike and pedestrian connectivity.
- ✓ Whether other departments reviewing the project agree that the parkland on the site will not diminish other city objectives for Imagine Austin goals and policies such as land use, density, affordability, connectivity, environmental protection, transportation, etc. (The City will consult with other relevant departments in making the determination, if applicable).
- ✓ Whether the dedication of land is consistent with the core principles of Imagine Austin:
 - Grow as a compact, connected city
 - Integrate nature into the city
 - Provide paths to property for all
 - Develop as an affordable and healthy community
 - Sustainably manage, water, energy and other environmental resources
 - Think creatively and work together