

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	56903	Agenda Number	27.
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Meeting Date:	4/14/2016	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 related to the neighborhood plan design tool known as garage placement standards.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Greg Dutton, 512-974-3509.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	March 22, 2016 - Approved by the Planning Commission with amendments on a vote of 9-3 with Commissioners Thompson, Wilson, and Kazi voting against, and 1 vacancy.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Planning Commission initiated a code amendment on August 25, 2015, to clarify development standards for the neighborhood plan garage design tool. The garage design tool is part of a package of optional design and infill tools that are presented to neighborhoods during the neighborhood planning process. The tool requires that a garage not be closer to the front lot line than the front façade of the principle structure, and may not exceed 50% of the width of the principal structure.

Staff has interpreted “principal structure” to include a house and attached garage, which allows for a garage that is 1/2 of the total house and garage façade. This was not the intent of the garage placement design tool. The intent was to allow up to 1/3 of the total house and garage façade. The proposed amendment would clarify the original intent of the design tool.