

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW SHEET

Amendment: C20-2015-007 Educational Facilities

Description: Consider an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code related to Educational Facilities.

Proposed Language: See attached draft ordinance.

Summary of proposed code changes:

The Land Development Code exempts public primary and secondary educational facilities from most site development regulations. However, public school districts are subject to interlocal agreements that provide development regulations to address common aspects of development.

Charter schools are not subject to interlocal agreements, yet are public schools and therefore are subject to the public school exemptions in the Land Development Code.

The amendments set forth will make development of charter and public schools subject to essentially the same development regulations by codifying standards that mirror those in effect for public schools under their interlocal agreements with the City.

The interlocal agreements with public schools will remain in effect and will control in the event of a conflict.

Staff has been working with stakeholders on to reach a consensus position and conducted a stakeholder meeting on Friday, June 3, 2016. The highlights of the compromise position are included in backup as Staff Proposed Compromise Highlights.

Background:

August 18, 2015 - Initiated by Planning Commission Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee.

This item was previously on Codes and Ordinances agenda on October 15, 2013 and was discussed as a possible initiation. The Commissioners voted 5-0 to have staff do more research on interlocal agreements, but they did not initiate the item.

August 25, 2015 - Initiated by Planning Commission

April 7, 2016 - Council set the public hearing for May 5, 2016

May 5, 2016 – Council postponed to June 9, 2016.

May 17, 2016 - Scheduled for Planning Commission Codes and Ordinance Subcommittee approval (postponed from April 19, 2016)

May 24, 2016 - Scheduled for Planning Commission recommendation to Council (postponed from 4/26/2016)

June 9, 2016 – Public hearing at Council and possible action on Ordinance.
(postponement requested to June 16, 2016)

Staff Recommendation: Recommended

Board and Commission Actions: Forwarded with no recommendation from the Codes and Ordinances Subcommittee (lack of affirmative vote).

Forwarded with recommendation to the City Council by Planning Commission

Council Action NA

Ordinance Number: NA

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