

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT REVIEW SHEET

Amendment: C20-2016-011

Description: Consider an amendment to Title 25 of the Land Development Code to make historic landmark (H) combining district and historic area (HD) combining district properties comply with the City's compatibility standards.

Proposed Language: Draft ordinance language TBD

Summary of proposed code changes:

- Removal of code section 25-2-1052 from the current code, which currently exempts historic landmark (H) combining district and historic area (HD) combining district properties from compatibility standards.

Background: Initiated by City Council Resolution 20160609-049

On June 6, 2016, the City Council initiated a code amendment via Resolution 20160609-049, to initiate *"a code amendment to remove Section 25-2-1052 (A)(2) from the City Code, thus requiring properties within a historic district (H) or historic area (HD) combining district to comply with the City's compatibility standards."*

The proposed amendment would subject properties with H or HD combining district zoning to compatibility standards of Article 10 of Title 25 of the Land Development Code.

Staff Recommendation: Recommended

Board and Commission Actions

July 25, 2016: To be reviewed by the Historic Landmark Commission.

August 17, 2016: To be reviewed by the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee.

August 23, 2016: To be reviewed by Planning Commission.

Council Action

September 22, 2016: A public hearing has been scheduled.

Ordinance Number: NA

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RESOLUTION NO. 20160609-049

WHEREAS, compatibility standards exist within the City of Austin Land Development Code to guide and shape the interface between residential and commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, compatibility standards provide requirements for commercially zoned properties to be built in a manner designed to minimize the impact on residential properties; and

WHEREAS, compatibility standards are thus important tools that protect the quality of life for those who live in residential districts; and

WHEREAS, currently properties in a historic landmark (H) or historic area (HD) combining district do not have to comply with compatibility standards; and

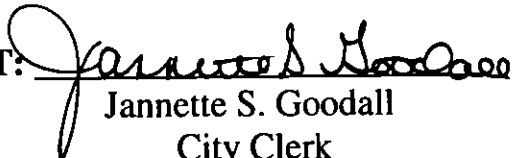
WHEREAS, a recent case at the Board of Adjustment brought attention to this gap in current City Code provisions; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council initiates a code amendment to remove Section 25-2-1052 (A)(2) from the City Code, thus requiring properties within a historic landmark (H) or historic area (HD) combining district to comply with the City's compatibility standards.

The City Manager is directed to bring this code amendment back to City Council on or before September 22, 2016.

ADOPTED: June 9, 2016

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk