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Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017

Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee (Official Name of Board or Commission)

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) is:

§ 2-1-207 - CODES AND ORDINANCES JOINT COMMITTEE.

- (A) The city council creates the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee to consider and make recommendations to the Planning Commission regarding:
 - (1) proposed amendments to the Land Development Code for which review is required under Section 25-1-502 (Amendment; Review); and
 - (2) requests to initiate amendments to the Land Development Code under Section 25-1-501 (Initiation).
- (B) The committee consists of seven members, which shall include:
 - (1) four members of the Planning Commission, selected by the Planning Commission; and
 - (2) three members of the Zoning and Platting Commission, selected by the Zoning and Platting Commission. (Ord. No. 20160505-037, Pt. 1, 5-16-16)

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1. Describe the board's actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board's mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.

(Reference all reports, recommendations, letters or resolutions presented to the City Council on mission-specific issues. If some of the elements of the mission statement were not acted on by the board in the past year, the report should explain why no action was taken.)

As required by the City Code, the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee considered and made recommendations on the following amendments to the Land Development Code:

2016 – Recommended to full PC

Tenant Relocation – Discuss and consider an amendment to Title 25 of the Land Development Code regarding tenant relocation assistance requirements. City Staff: Lauren Avioli, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 974-3141, Lauren.Avioli@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Historic Compatibility – Discuss and consider an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code to require historic landmark (H) combining district and historic area (HD) combining district properties comply with the City's compatibility standards (ARTICLE 10). City Staff: Jerry Rusthoven, Planning and Zoning Department, 974-3207, Jerry.Rusthoven@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Historic Civic - Discuss and consider an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code to require Historic Landmark Commission review of demolition applications when the subject structure is fifty years or older and dedicated to certain civic uses. City Staff: Jerry Rusthoven, Planning and Zoning Department, 974-3207, Jerry.Rusthoven@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

2017 – Recommended to full PC

Sidewalks – Discuss and consider initiation of an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code related to requirements for sidewalk placement. City Staff: Joel Meyer, Austin Transportation Department, (512) 974-1405, Joel.Meyer@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Zilker Park Site-Specific SOS Amendment – Discuss and consider an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code for a site-specific Save Our Springs (SOS) amendment for a project located generally within Zilker Park. City Staff: Gary Gregson, Parks and Recreation Department, (512) 974-9475, Gary.Gregson@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

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Neighborhood Plan Amendment Applications – Discuss and consider an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code amending Article 16, Section 25-1-804 related to the Neighborhood Plan Amendment applications. City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Zoning Department, (512) 974-3509, Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Historic Landmark Commission Majority Vote – Discuss and consider an amendment to Title 25 of the City Code to change Historic Landmark Commission voting requirements such that a simple majority is required to recommend Historic Zoning over the objection of a property owner. City Staff: Greg Dutton, Planning and Zoning Department, (512) 974-3509, Greg.Dutton@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Watershed and Environmental Protection Amendments – Discuss and consider amendments to sections of City Code Chapters 25-1 and 30-1 relating to definitions, Chapters 25-7 and 30-4 relating to drainage, Chapters 25-8 and 30-5 relating to environmental protection, and Chapter 25-2, Subchapter B, Article 2, Division 5, Subpart B relating to Planned Unit Development standards. Some of the proposed amendments concern land located within the Barton Springs Zone. City Staff: Andrea Bates, Watershed Protection Department, (512) 974-2291, Andrea.Bates@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

Signs – Discuss and consider an ordinance amending the Land Development Code, Chapters 25-10 and 25-2, relating to the regulation of signs. City Staff: Brent Lloyd, Law Department, (512) 974-2974, Brent.Lloyd@austintexas.gov; (Discussion and/or Possible Action).

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

(If any of the board's actions were outside the scope of the mission statement, the report should explain the non-compliance issues.)

All actions taken by the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee were within the scope of the mission statement.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

(Make sure the goals and objectives fall within the mission statement of the board/commission.)

Continue to serve as a starting point for the community to engage the city in the initiation of Land Development Code amendments

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Continue to responsibly consider initiation of amendments to the Land Development Code

Continue to provide a venue for citizen input on proposed initiations and amendments to the Land Development Code

Continue to provide careful consideration and recommendations to the full Planning Commission on potential amendments to the Land Development Code

Continue to provide timely consideration of items previously initiated by City Council or City Staff

Continue to serve as a link between the Zoning and Platting Commission and the Planning Commission

Provide input, as deemed necessary by the members of the Codes and Ordinances Joint Commission, on the re-write of the Land Development Code