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Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 48

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider amending Title 25 of the City Code to establish additional requirements for the location of large retail uses ("Big Box retail") in permitted zoning districts. (Suggested date and time, December 7, 2006 at 6:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, TX)

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Additional Backup Material	For More Information: Susan Scallon, WPDR 974-2659, susan scallon@ci.austin.tx.us
(click to open) No Attachments Available	Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Planning Commission.

Staff Recommendation: C20-06-010: In response to a request from the Planning Commission, the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department is proposing to amend the City Code to require a conditional use permit for proposed commercial use with a gross floor area of 100,000 square feet or more in a single building

Also, in addition to the existing code requirement for notification, all registered neighborhood associations within a one mile radius of the proposed retail use shall also receive written notice of the pending application

The applicant will also be required to post a 4' X 8' sign on the property visible to the public at the time of the City receiving the application. The sign will include information such as the City file number, type of action pending, names and phone numbers of the applicant or agents for additional information, and a description of the project which includes the size and use of the building.

Planning Commission Motion October 24, 2006: Support staff's recommendation

The Planning Commission also requested that City Council consider creating a new zoning category for large retail uses of 100,000 square feet with the additional notification as stated above.