

## City of Austin

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Carl Smart, Director

Austin Code Department

DATE: August 20, 2014

SUBJECT: Council Item Update Report – 1133

I write to update you on the status of our response to City Council Resolution 20131003-100.

This resolution aimed at initiating code amendments to increase the size of the Building and Standards Commission (BSC), create a panel system and allow for expedited permits for certain conditions and utilize the BSC fully.

Carl Smart, Austin Code Director, together with Patricia Link, Assistant City Attorney, met with Greg Anderson, Policy Advisor, on May 28, 2014 and with Council Member Bill Spelman and Heidi Gerbracht, Executive Assistant on June 5, 2014 to discuss the resolution and inform them of the BSC request. The BSC is requesting six months to evaluate if the workload exists to create an additional commission. During their October retreat, this item will be discussed. Staff will update you with their recommendation soon after.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

cc: Marc A. Ott, City Manager

Michael McDonald, Deputy City Manager