

RULE NO.: R161-14.16

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE

POSTING DATE: January 14, 2014

The Director of the Planning and Development Review Department proposes to adopt the following rule after February 15, 2014.

Comments on the proposed rule are requested from the public. Comments should be submitted to Sylvia Arzola, 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 500, (512), 974-6448. To be considered, comments must be submitted before February 15, 2014, the 32nd day after the date this notice is posted. A summary of the written comments received will be included in the notice of rule adoption that must be posted for the rule to become effective.

An affordability impact statement regarding the proposed rule has been obtained and is available for inspection or copying at the address noted in the preceding paragraph.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED RULE

A rule proposed in this notice may not become effective before the effective date established by a separate notice of rule adoption. A notice of rule adoption may not be posted before February 15, 2014 (the 32nd day after the date of this notice) or not after April 14, 2014 (the 90th day after the date of this notice).

If a proposed rule is not adopted on or before April 14, 2014, it is automatically withdrawn and cannot be adopted without first posting a new notice of a proposed rule.

TEXT OF PROPOSED RULE

A copy of the complete text of the proposed rule is available for public inspection and copying at the following locations. Copies may be purchased at the locations at a cost of ten cents per page:

Planning and Development Review Department, located at 505 Barton Springs Road, Suite 500; and

Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, located at 301 West 2nd Street, Austin, Texas.

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED RULE

Rule R161-14.16 - Revisions to Building Criteria Manual (BCM), Appendix C, to provide for details on the Fast Track Process. Currently, the Fast Track Process is outlined in City Code Sections 25-5-23 and 25-5-24, Fast Track Process and Fast Track Certification, and in a manual that has not been formally

adopted since it was drafted in 1992. Since then the development review process has changed and the Fast Track Process is more commonly used. In an effort to ensure faster review and bring the manual up to date, it has been reviewed and revised to provide potential Fast Track applicants with more detail and current department terminology. The Fast Track process itself has not changed.

AUTHORITY FOR ADOPTION OF PROPOSED RULE

The authority and procedure for adoption of a rule to assist in the implementation, administration, or enforcement of a provision of the City Code is provided in City Code Chapter 1-2. The authority to regulate the fast track process is established in City Code Section 25-5-23 and Section 25-5-24.

CERTIFICATION BY CITY ATTORNEY

By signing this Notice of Proposed Rule R161-14.16, the City Attorney certifies the City Attorney has reviewed the rule and finds that adoption of the rule is a valid exercise of the Director’s administrative authority.

REVIEW AND APPROVED

_____ Date: _____
Greg Guernsey, Director
Planning and Development Review Department

_____ Date: _____
Karen M. Kennard
City Attorney