

AGENDA



Thursday, April 8, 2010

**Public Hearings and Possible Actions
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 49**

Subject: Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-2, Subchapter E of the City Code, related to Design Standards and Mixed Use.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by Planning Commission.

Prior Council Action: August 31, 2006 - City Council adopted Chapter 25-2, Subchapter E of the City Code.

March 11, 2010 - City Council set the public hearing for April 8, 2010.

Subchapter E of the Land Development Code was adopted by City Council on August 31, 2006 and went into effect on January 13, 2007. After Subchapter E went into effect staff began compiling a list of issues and problem areas for consideration as possible code amendments. Staff's goal was to identify problems in the regulations and to improve the clarity and effectiveness of Subchapter E.

In early 2008 Council Member McCracken convened a series of meetings with a group of stakeholders to review and discuss the list of possible amendments, as well as amendments identified by others.

In late 2008 the stakeholder group divided the possible amendments into two groups: potential consensus amendments (now referred to as "Phase I" amendments) and amendments requiring additional discussion (now referred to as "Phase II" amendments).

A draft of the proposed amendments was presented to stakeholders on October 28, 2009 and proposed revisions identified at that meeting were distributed to stakeholders on December 14, 2009. The Planning Commission Codes and Ordinances committee forwarded the proposed amendments, with one change, to the Planning Commission.

An overview of the proposed amendments is provided in Exhibit A. The Affordability Impact Statement is provided in Exhibit B.