

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council -Commissioner's Court Meeting

Item ID

34767

Agenda Number

75.

Meeting Date:

8/28/2014

Department:

Transportation

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 14-9 relating to the display of signs, merchandise, and accessories on city sidewalks. Related to Item # 148.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Resolution No. 20140417-054
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Boards and Commission Action:	August 12, 2014 - Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission with a vote of 6-0; August 19, 2014 - Recommended by the Planning Commission Codes and Ordinance Sub-Committee with a vote of 5-0; August 20, 2014 - Was to be reviewed by the Downtown Commission, but unable to be heard due to loss of a quorum.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

On April 17, 2014, Council approved Resolution No. 20140417-054, directing staff to develop recommendations for changes to City Code Chapter 14-9 to allow businesses greater flexibility to place sidewalk signs and allow for the display of merchandise, and beautification of shopping areas, while maintaining public safety and convenience. Furthermore, the Resolution asked for staff to present this item to the Urban Transportation Commission, the Planning Commission, and the Downtown Commission.

This proposed ordinance amendment of City Code Chapter 14-9 will add sidewalk signs and business displays to the list of items that do not require a permit, as long as they remain within the frontage of the business and that compliance is maintained in accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.