

Late Backup

DRAFT TOPICS LIST

Below are suggested topics to be addressed by Council – which includes the topics posted on the Message Board by CM Alter, Tovo, Pool, and Houston. The list is not exhaustive and is organized by broad policy category. The list also includes some topics that may overlap somewhat.

PERMITTING PROCESSES

1. Reduce time and cost of permitting by providing more clarity, certainty, and ease of use
2. Administration and Procedures
 - Minor Use Permits/Conditional Use Permits
 - Notification timelines and public input
3. Permitting barriers and home remodeling costs (reduce to help families stay in their homes)
4. Pre-approved building and remodel design options (to help seniors age in place, and middle and lower income households to remain in their neighborhoods)
5. Development review timelines and processes

AFFORDABLE (INCOME RESTRICTED) HOUSING

1. Encourage the development and preservation of affordable housing
2. Density Bonus Program administration
 - Which entity determines on-site vs off-site vs fee-in-lieu, etc
3. Base Zoning Entitlements
 - Calibrating these entitlements with density bonuses
 - The potential negative impact on the tenant relocation ordinance
4. Incentives for preservation of existing housing that is affordable
5. Incentives for greater number of family-sized units in income-restricted housing
6. Live/work spaces to support artists, musicians, and small business owners

HOUSING CHOICES

1. Provide more housing choices and supply for Austinites at all stages of life and incomes
2. Occupancy limits
3. Equitable distribution of housing density throughout the city
4. Number of units allowed per lot (depending on the size) in residential zones 2 – 4
5. Housing types and locations (including co-op housing, Type 3 STR in R4)
6. Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) (size, incentives to preserve original residence etc)
7. Development and design standards on transportation corridors
8. Housing supply on corridors (balance with non-zoning requirements)

NEIGHBORHOOD IDENTITY AND QUALITY OF LIFE

1. Preserve and respect neighborhood identity and quality of life
2. Compatibility Standards
3. Transition Zones
4. McMansion Standards
5. Uses (especially alcohol-related uses etc)
6. Historic preservation incentives and status of Historic Preservation Districts
7. Parking requirements

WILDFIRE AND FLOOD RISK

1. Reduce wildfire and flood risk and manage runoff as a resource
2. Flood mitigation and wildfire mitigation

TRANSPORTATION CHOICES

1. Enable transportation choices, improve safety, and prepare for our mobility future
2. Street design (traffic signal design, bus stops, bike lanes, curb cuts)
3. Sidewalk design
4. Urban trail connections

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS, OPEN SPACE, NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Strengthen environmental protections, increase public open spaces, and conserve natural resources
2. Parkland, civic space and open space
3. Environment and water quality
4. Integrated Green Infrastructure Plan
5. Dark Skies initiative (flood lighting on facades)
6. Functional Green" tools (green roofs and walls, stormwater collection and re-use, rain gardens)
7. Open space requirements

SMALL, LOCAL BUSINESSES AND CREATIVE COMMUNITY

1. Support small, local businesses and the creative community
2. Live/work spaces (Office, retail, and residential spaces)

COSTS OF GROWTH AND PLANNING TOOLS

1. Better manage the costs of growth and provide more effective planning tools
2. Development improvements (transportation impact costs)
3. Energy efficient green building requirements
4. Planning for capacity in our utility and storm water infrastructure
5. Small Area Planning process