



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: J. Rodney Gonzales, Director
Development Services Department 

DATE: October 18, 2018

SUBJECT: Response to Resolution No. 20171214-066 and August 2017 Demolition Permit Audit

In response to a review of the City's demolition permitting process, the Office of the City Auditor provided a [Demolition Permits Audit Report](#) in August 2017. The City Auditor's findings were that the current "demolition permitting process is not designed to efficiently and effectively meet the needs of stakeholders or City departments." The City Auditor recommended the Development Services (DSD) Director meet with stakeholders to "identify what the demolition permitting process should accomplish" and "redesign the demolition permitting process based on outcomes of stakeholder meetings."

City Council followed up in December 2017 with [Resolution No. 20171214-066](#) regarding the demolition permit process. Specifically, Council requested DSD conduct stakeholder meetings and develop a proposal to redesign the demolition permitting process that achieves the goals from the August 2017 audit.

Through SpeakUp Austin, DSD engaged stakeholders and conducted multiple stakeholder meetings. The report includes recommended changes to the demolition permitting process based on areas where there was stakeholder consensus on changes. You can access the report online at <http://www.austintexas.gov/departments/demolition-report>

Please contact Deputy Director Denise Lucas at (512) 974-2614 or me at (512) 974-2313 for additional information.

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