

OF AUSTRALIA

City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1580, Agenda Item #: 52.

4/25/2019

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 (Land Development Code) establishing a residential affordable housing development bonus program and authorizing certain modifications, waivers, and requirements related to site development and site plan requirements. (Suggested date: May 23, 2019 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX)

Lead Department

Neighborhood Housing and Community Development.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

February 21, 2019-Austin City Council unanimously approved Resolution No. 20190221-027, directing the City Manager to: 1) propose an ordinance granting additional entitlements to developments that meet certain affordable housing requirements, 2) develop an outline for a modified site plan review process that these developments (up to 16 units) could access, and 3) work with affordable housing providers to provide visual representations of how the program would produce more affordable units.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

As required by City Code, the following Boards and Commissions are tentatively scheduled to consider the proposal:

April 17, 2019 - Codes & Ordinances Joint Committee

April 23, 2019 - Planning Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

If this item is approved, it will set the public hearing for an ordinance that is responsive to Resolution No. 20190221-027 (Resolution). The Resolution directed the City Manager to prepare a Code amendment that creates a residential affordable housing bonus program for residential developments that meet certain affordability requirements. The Resolution specifically addressed compatibility standards for height and setbacks, height and density, parking requirements, front yard and rear yard setbacks, Residential Design and Compatibility Standards, the existing site plan process, and restrictions specific to certain duplexes.