



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2789, **Agenda Item #:** 12.

9/17/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution initiating code amendments to City Code Title 25 (*Land Development*) to establish a contractor registration program for building and demolition permitting.

Lead Department

Development Services Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

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Additional Backup Information:

In 2017 the City Auditor conducted an audit of the demolition permit process. Their report identified necessary changes which led to a City Council resolution adopted in December of that same year. That resolution directed the City Manager to obtain feedback from stakeholders in order to redesign demolition permitting process. The resolution also initiated code amendments relating to requirements that reflect staff and stakeholder recommendations. The Development Services Department was the lead department assigned to this work.

Shortly thereafter the Development Services Department began stakeholder engagement which included four meetings with 123 attendees. The in-person engagement occurred in conjunction with online engagement via Speakup Austin.

Based on the recommendations received from both external and internal stakeholders, the Development Services Department responded to City Council's resolution with the Demolition Permit Process Report in October of 2018.

During the stakeholder engagement process, both internal and external stakeholders expressed support for adopting a registration program for building and demolition contractors.

Development Services Department's proposed registration program would include key features: requirements for bonding and insurance and an exemption for the owner of a one or two-family residential structure with an active homestead exemption.

Strategic Outcome(s):

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