



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2766, Agenda Item #: 2.

8/11/2022

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance waiving City Code Section 25-1-502 related to Planning Commission review of parkland dedication requirements for commercial developments.

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

April 7, 2022 - Council approved resolution No. 20220407-042, which initiated Code amendments to the Parkland Dedication Ordinance in City Code Chapter 25-1 (*General Requirements and Procedures*) to require parkland dedication for commercial uses; and directed the City Manager to place the Code amendment on an upcoming Council agenda that provides Council with sufficient time to adopt the ordinance and place the new fee into the Fiscal Year 2023 budget; a 10-0 vote with Council Member Harper- Madison off the dais.

July 28, 2022 - Council approved a motion to postpone item 124 to consider the commercial parkland dedication ordinance to the August 11, 2022, meeting with direction to the City Manager to also place the item on the August 17th, 18th and 19th agendas and to place an item on the August 11, 2022, agenda to waive Planning Commission review of the commercial parkland dedication ordinance if necessary.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

February 25, 2020 - The Parks and Recreation Board passed Recommendation 20200225-B3 to subject commercial developments to parkland dedication requirements.

March 28, 2022 - The Parks and Recreation Board passed Recommendation 20220328-B5 to reaffirm its recommendation to subject commercial developments to parkland dedication requirements.

July 12, 2022 - The Planning Commission held a hearing and postponed action on the commercial parkland dedication ordinance until August 9, 2022.

July 25, 2022 - The Parks and Recreation Board passed Recommendation 20220725-8 to recommend to Austin City Council to accept the commercial parkland dedication ordinance as written.

Additional Backup Information:

The proposed Land Development Code amendments will establish parkland dedication requirements for new commercial developments, specifically office, retail, industrial/warehouse, and hotel/motel uses. This would be in addition to the existing residential requirements currently in effect.