

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	49460	Agenda Number	84.
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Meeting Date:	9/17/2015	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-1 and Ordinance No. 20070621-027 relating to parkland dedication requirements and associated fees imposed as a condition to development approval.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:
 June 23, 2015 – Recommended by the Planning Commission on a vote of 8-0 with Commissioner Shieh absent. ; November 18, 2014 – Recommended by the Parks and Recreation Board on a vote of 6-0 with Vice Chair Francell absent. Recommendation No. 20141118-001.
 May 27, 2015 - Briefing to the Open Space, Environmental and Sustainability Committee of City Council; Recommended to move forward to the City Council for approval by Council Member Pool and Mayor Pro Tem Tovo.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

On December 11, 2014, City Council passed Resolution No. 20141211-219. It initiated amendments to City Code Chapter 25-1, Article 14 (*Parkland Dedication*) to address issues related to fee inadequacy raised in the Parkland Dedication Fee Methodology Report (Report) of November 19, 2014.

The Report, initiated by the City Manager and written by Parks and Recreation Department staff, concluded that the existing parkland dedication (PLD) fee does not cover costs for acquiring and developing parkland and the current formula for determining the amount of land required to be dedicated is insufficient to maintain the current quality of life in Austin. The fee has not been raised since it was first adopted in July of 2007.

The City Manager was directed to return to City Council with a draft ordinance to gather stakeholder input and implement the Report’s recommendations. Five stakeholder meetings were held from October 2014 through January 2015 and public input was incorporated into the draft ordinance.

