



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THROUGH: Veronica Briseño, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Lauren Middleton-Pratt, Planning Department Director 

DATE: October 1, 2024

SUBJECT: **Update on the Timing of Land Development Code Amendments**

This memo provides an update on the status and timing of the amendments to the Land Development Code. The schedule establishes proposed timelines for code amendments through December 2025.

Attached you will find the September 2024 Land Development Code Amendments Timeline Gantt Chart. Since this schedule was published and presented to the Housing and Planning Committee on September 5, 2024, there have been several changes to the schedule, including:

- **South Central Waterfront Combining District and Density Bonus Program** – On September 12, 2024 City Council voted to indefinitely postpone this item.
- **Live Music Venue and Creative Space Bonus Phase 2** – On September 10, 2024 Planning Commission postponed this item to their September 24, 2024 meeting in response to a staff request to postpone.
- **Safety Bollards** – Development Services Department Staff have identified a schedule for this item which would amend City Code Title 25 (Land Development) to require the installation of crash-rated bollards or other similar safety barriers to prevent vehicle-into-building crashes at the pedestrian entrances of medical facilities with nearby vehicular traffic. The proposed review and adoption dates include:
 - Codes & Ordinances Joint Committee on October 16, 2024.
 - Planning Commission on November 12, 2024.
 - City Council on December 12, 2024.

The attached Schedule of Active Code Amendments provides an overview of all upcoming amendments to the Land Development Code. The schedule primarily reflects code amendments that have previously been initiated; however, several items on the list would require additional

specific initiation action by the City Council or Planning Commission. The schedule has been developed with a goal of balancing staff workloads, sequencing work as appropriate, allowing adequate public engagement and review, while also balancing the capacity of our volunteer boards and decision makers. The schedule reflects an ambitious work program, and as processes move forward, staff will continue to make adjustments while working to identify specific review and adoption dates for the proposed timelines shown on the chart. You can find additional information about adopted and active code amendments at speakupaustin.org/ldcupdates.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Bates, Assistant Director for the Planning Department, at 512-974-2291 or andrea.bates@austintexas.gov or Erica Leak, Development Office for the Planning Department, at 512-974-9375 or erica.leak@austintexas.gov.

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Attachment: Schedule of Active Code Amendments (September 2024)