



Recommendation for Action

File #: 23-2891, **Agenda Item #:** 87.

9/14/2023

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance to designate all territory within the City of Austin's municipal boundaries as urban, suburban or central business district for the purposes of establishing parkland dedication fees to comply with state law House Bill 1526 (88th Regular Session). (Suggested Date: October 19, 2023, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. 2nd Street, Austin, Texas).

Lead Department

Parks and Recreation Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

January 28, 2016 - Council approved Resolution No. 20160128-086, which initiated Code amendments to the Parkland Dedication Ordinance in City Code Chapter 25- I (General Requirements and Procedures) to ensure that new growth and development contribute its fair share towards maintaining the City's park system.

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Additional Backup Information:

On June 10, 2023, House Bill (HB)1526 went into effect, and will apply to all new development applications beginning January 1, 2024. HB 1526 applies to cities with more than 800,000 residents, affecting the parkland dedication requirements for all proposed multifamily and hotel/motel uses. HB 1526 requires all territory within the City's municipal boundaries to be designated as suburban, urban and central business district for the purpose of assessing the average land value to set parkland dedication fees in each geographic area. In accordance with HB 1526, the City must hold a public hearing on the designations after a 30-day notice period. After the geographic designations are finalized, changes to the parkland dedication ordinance will be forthcoming to finalize implementation of the requirements of HB 1526. Designations must occur no later than December 1, 2023, and be in effect by January 1, 2024.