



COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORT HOUSING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

Date: May 23, 2022

Agenda Item: #2

Agenda Item: Discussion and possible recommendations to City Council related to prioritizing and modifying previously initiated amendments and initiating additional amendments to the City's Land Development Code to achieve existing city policy and goals.

Vote

5-0 [Committee members present are Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison (chair) Council Member Ryan Alter (co-chair), Council Member Paige Ellis, Council Member Zohaib "Zo" Qadri and Council Member Jose Velasquez].

Sponsors/Department:

Sponsors: Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison & Council Member Ryan Alter

Summary of Discussion

It was a robust, illuminating discussion that covered all housing-related code amendments currently in-the-works, and initiated prioritization. After staff's presentation, Vice Chair Alter introduced an initial prioritization matrix, and the committee adjusted the document based on feedback from the dais and staff. The current draft prioritization table (Linked here: [45-20230525111748.pdf \(austintexas.gov\)](#)) includes each requested update.

Direction

Going forward, the Committee voted to present the prioritization matrix to the full council for discussion at the June 8th meeting, where they hope to reach a consensus and move forward collectively. In advance of that meeting, the committee will continue to work with staff and council offices to ensure that the document is comprehensive and captures priority, timelines, and level of effort.

Recommendation:

On a 5-0 vote, the Committee recommends council prioritize previously initiated land development code amendments related to housing and amended the staff recommended prioritization memo to include 'High' 'Medium' and 'Low' priority tiers. A prioritization matrix was developed and should be included in the June 8th agenda backup. The motion was made on Council Member Ryan Alter's motion, Council Member Qadri's second on a 5-0 vote.