



Legislation Text

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AGENDA CAPTION:

7:00PM Receive a Staff presentation and hold a Public Hearing to receive comments for or against Ordinance 2017-07 amending the San Marcos Smartcode by amending Section 1.5.2 and Table 5.7 to provide that Purpose Built Student Housing is allowed as a use in T4 and T5 Transect Zones only by a warrant finally decided by the City Council following a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission; providing a savings clause; providing for the repeal of any conflicting provisions; and providing an effective date; **and consider approval of Ordinance 2017-07, on the first of two readings.**

Meeting date: February 21, 2017

Department: Planning and Development Services

Funds Required: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account Name: N/A

CITY COUNCIL GOAL: Beautify and Enhance the Quality of Place

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ELEMENT(s): *Neighborhoods and Housing; Goal #2 Housing Opportunities for Students of Texas State University in Appropriate Areas and Create and Implement a Plan to Accomplish this Vision.*

BACKGROUND:

An amendment to the Smartcode district with the purpose of regulating purpose built student housing was discussed by City Council on January 17, 2017. Direction was provided during this meeting to pursue an interim amendment to the Smartcode to regulate purpose built student housing.

During the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on January 24, 2017 the commission unanimously recommended approval of the ordinance with an amendment that the warrant receive a recommendation from the Planning Commission and final approval by City Council. Under the proposed amendment a super majority vote of the City Council would be required upon a recommendation of denial by the Planning Commission.

The proposed amendments include:

1. Modifying the procedures for Warrants and Variances to require that a warrant for purpose built student

housing be recommended by the Planning Commission and finally decided by the City Council.

2. Modifying the specific function and use table to add purpose built student housing and require a warrant to City Council in the T5 and T4 districts.