



Legislation Text

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AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive a Staff presentation and hold a discussion on the San Marcos Development Code amendments and Strategic Housing Action Plan, and provide direction to the City Manager.

Meeting date: March 3, 2020

Department: Planning & Development Services

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: N/A

Account Number: N/A

Funds Available: N/A

Account Name: N/A

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

Choose an item.

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Comprehensive Plan Element (s): [Please select the Plan element(s) and Goal # from dropdown menu below]

- ☐ Economic Development - Choose an item.
- ☐ Environment & Resource Protection - Choose an item.
- ☐ Land Use - Choose an item.
- ☐ Neighborhoods & Housing - Choose an item.
- ☐ Parks, Public Spaces & Facilities - Choose an item.
- ☐ Transportation - Choose an item.
- ☐ Core Services
- ☐ Not Applicable

Master Plan: *[Please select the corresponding Master Plan from the dropdown menu below (if applicable)]*

Choose an item.

Background Information:

In April, 2018 the City Council adopted Code SMTX, the new San Marcos Development Code and directed staff to perform an annual update in 2019. Comments for updating the code were solicited in March - May of 2019. On June 5, 2019 a Joint Workshop was held with City Council and the Planning & Zoning Commission. At that meeting staff received direction on amendments to expedite (typos & technical errors), amendments to analyze further, and amendments which were not recommended for additional analysis.

In December, 2019 City Council approved Phase 1 of the Code amendments, addressing typos, technical errors, Historic Preservation Commission resolutions, and amendments to address the 2019 Legislative Session. The remainder of the amendments have been categorized as:

- Phase 2 - amendments requiring analysis, but no policy major decisions;
- Phase 3 - amendments requiring major policy decisions which would benefit from the Comprehensive Plan update and updated visions and goals established during that process;
- Amendments not recommended for additional analysis.

(See attached table. phase 2: yellow, not recommended: grey, phase 3: blue, phase 1: green)

In addition to the proposed amendments, staff analyzed the Actions outlined in the Strategic Housing Action Plan (attached: purple). Four of these action may result in amendments to the Development Code, however, almost all of the actions were identified as items which should be considered following the Comprehensive Plan Update.

At this time, staff is recommending amendments for Phase 2 which require initial authorization. Staff would also like to receive direction on the amendments not recommended for additional analysis on June 5, 2019 and on the approval process for the Housing Action Plan.

Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:

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Alternatives:

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Recommendation:

Two action items will be considered by the City Council during the regular meeting on March 3, 2020. 1) Initial Authorization of Phase 2 and 2) removal of the items not recommended for additional analysis.

During the worksession, staff is seeking direction on the approval process for the Housing Action Plan.