



STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 27, 2023

TITLE:

Consider action to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 2023-17 of the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, amending Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2 of the B3 Code, providing for a simple majority vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission to make recommendations to the City Council.

AGENDA ITEM SUBMITTED BY:

Submitted by: Sylvia Carrillo, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

BACKGROUND/HISTORY:

The B3 code as adopted, provides for a required five (5) votes from planning commission to recommend an amendment to the City Council. However, five (5) members constitutes a quorum, and a majority of 5 present does not allow an item to move forward to City Council. So while a meeting can be held, technically, an item cannot move forward to the City Council.

SEC. 2.4.002 PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION (C) in the B3 code reads

(2) All actions by the Planning & Zoning Commission shall be by a majority vote of those members present and an affirmative vote of 5 members shall be necessary for the passage of any recommendation to the City Council.

This agenda items seeks to clarify that a simple majority of the planning commission is enough to advance an item that has been either denied or approved to the City Council for action.

The amendment would read as follows:

(2) All actions by the Planning & Zoning Commission shall be by a majority vote of those members present, and in a quorum, for the passage of any recommendation to the City Council.

This item seeks to simplify the code and the intent of the legislative process that an item is heard and then moved to the City Council in as expeditious a manner as possible.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the ordinance as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed text amendment
2. Ordinance