



PLANNING & ZONING CONSIDERATION ITEM

CITY OF FAIR OAKS RANCH, TEXAS

July 14, 2022

AGENDA TOPIC: Consideration and possible action on recommending approval of the proposed City of Fair Oaks Ranch Unified Development Code amendments and authorizing its presentation to the City Council

DATE: July 14, 2022

DEPARTMENT: Public Works and Engineering Services

PRESENTED BY: Katherine Schweitzer, P.E., Manager of Engineering Services
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INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

During the past year the Planning and Zoning Commission (P&Z) worked with city staff and consultant Gunda Corporation on amending the Unified Development Code (UDC). A series of (5) five work sessions were held to discuss the diagnostic findings of the current UDC and to gather P & Z's input on the issues identified. Staff also provided input and recommendations. Additionally, the consultant's experience in utilizing the UDC to undertake review of planning applications over the past few months assisted in identifying areas of improvement.

A summary of the P&Z's concerns and related action items was shared with the Commissioner's in July 2021. That has been updated to reflect the proposed amendments, based on staff input. Using that as a framework, implementation steps were identified that included text amendments, incorporation of additional guidelines, and topics for further research and discussion. On September 14th Commissioners were provided a redline copy and a clean version of the proposed amended UDC.

At the Commission's October 2021 meeting, the city consultant performed a summary review of changes. After the review and discussion, it was decided an updated redline version would be produced. In addition, it was determined a chapter-by-chapter review would be provided at future P&Z meetings. The review has been completed and a final redline version has been produced and relayed to the Commission. The latest redline version (June 2022) is separated by chapters and can be found online at:

<https://www.fairoaksranchtx.org/452/Unified-Development-Code>

As the P&Z has completed the project task, the following steps are anticipated for the completion of amending the UDC:

1. Draft document sent to Legal for review
2. Consultant/staff receives legal input and incorporate accordingly
3. City Council reviews final draft and incorporates any City Council input
4. City Council performs final review and sets public hearing dates
5. City Council holds public hearings

6. City Council adopts amended Unified Development Code

Tonight's discussion will focus on a final review of the proposed amendments. Additionally, the P&Z will recommend presenting the proposed UDC amendments to the City Council by a representative(s) of the Commission.

LEGAL ANALYSIS

Legal has attended all P&Z meetings and has provided necessary guidance. Upon receiving P&Z's approval of the final draft UDC, legal will perform a final review and submit any input.

RECOMMENDATION/PROPOSED MOTION:

I move to recommend approval of the proposed Unified Development Code amendments and authorize its presentation to the City Council.