

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
AGENDA ITEM DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY FORM

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Inspections Department, Planning Division

AGENDA DATE: Introduction: March 24, 2015
Public Hearing: March 31, 2015

CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Alex Hoffman, (915) 212-1566, hoffmanap@elpasotexas.gov

DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: 8

SUBJECT:

An ordinance amending the boundaries of the Downtown 2015 Plan, City of El Paso, Texas, to expand the boundaries of the existing plan to include additional parcels in downtown El Paso as described herein.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The proposed amendment will expand the Downtown 2015 boundary, thereby waiving off-street parking requirements for additional properties.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

City Plan Commission (CPC) – Recommended Approval (5-0).

*****REQUIRED AUTHORIZATION*****

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD:

Mathew S. McElroy
Director, City Development Department

APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____

DATE: _____

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN 2015 PLAN, CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS, TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE EXISTING PLAN TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PARCELS IN DOWNTOWN EL PASO AS DESCRIBED HEREIN.

WHEREAS, the Downtown 2015 Plan was adopted by the El Paso City Council on October 31, 2006, pursuant to the provisions of Section 213.002 of the Texas Local Government Code as the Downtown 2015 Plan as a study area plan for the Downtown Area; and,

WHEREAS, the Downtown 2015 Plan serves as a study area and guide for the future growth and development of the Downtown Area to promote public health, safety, and welfare while supporting revitalization activities for redevelopment in the Downtown Redevelopment Districts; and,

WHEREAS, the Downtown 2015 Plan details design guidelines and development standards for residential and commercial development and improvements to the public realm while maintaining flexibility for the private market; and,

WHEREAS, the Downtown 2015 Plan presents options for an action plan with phasing and implementation recommendations within the context of the City's development process; and

WHEREAS, study area plans are an ongoing planning process to establish the goals and objectives of the community enumerated in these plans; and,

WHEREAS, The Plan for El Paso addresses key components to be achieved in the revitalization of the downtown area that include a focus on international connectivity, redevelopment opportunities, housing strategies, infill development, and mixed-use choices; and,

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WHEREAS, the expansion of the boundaries of the Downtown 2015 Plan was submitted to the City Plan Commission for its review of the merits of the plan and the City Plan Commission has recommended the modification of the boundaries of the Downtown 2015 Plan, City of El Paso, Texas to enlarge the boundaries of the existing plan to include additional parcels in Downtown El Paso as herein enumerated; and,

WHEREAS, the El Paso City Council finds that the amendment to the boundaries of the Downtown 2015 Plan as herein enumerated will have no negative impact upon the public health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the City, and that the study area plan will continue to carry out the purpose and spirit of the policies expressed in Plan El Paso; and,

WHEREAS, based on the favorable recommendation of the City Plan Commission and the determination of City staff, the City desires to amend Ordinance 016487 to enlarge the boundaries of the Plan to include said additional areas, so that the City can support revitalization activities in those parcels; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was passed was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL PASO:

1. **THAT**, the Downtown 2015 Plan, adopted by Ordinance 016487, is hereby amended to add the properties located at 501, 527, 533, 537 and 539 W. Franklin Avenue; 100, 102, 104, 106 and 109 Coldwell Street; and 606 W. Missouri Avenue to the designated boundaries of the Downtown 2015 Plan, City of El Paso, Texas and to the narrative description of that Plan, with said amendments attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes; and,

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2. **THAT**, the City Council finds that notwithstanding the expansion of the Plan boundary to include said additional parcels, the Plan continues to meet the requirements of Chapter 213 of the Texas Local Government Code; and,
3. **THAT**, except as amended herein, Ordinance 016487 shall remain in full force and effect. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

THE CITY OF EL PASO

Oscar Leaser, Mayor

ATTEST:

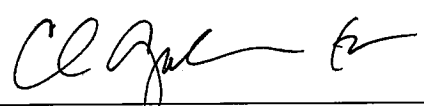
Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Karla M. Nieman
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Mathew S. McElroy, Director
Planning and Inspections Department

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EXHIBIT A

Addition to Plan Boundary Narrative Description

Consisting of and containing Lots 22-30, Block C, Stevens Addition; 13 Sunset Heights, N 45 FT and S 75 FT of Lots 1 to 3; and 13 Sunset Heights, Lots 4&5 & 6 to 8; and also known as 501, 527, 533, 537 and 539 W. Franklin Avenue; 100, 102, 104, 106 and 109 Coldwell Street; and 606 W. Missouri Avenue.



MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2015

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Tommy Gonzales, City Manager

FROM: Alex Hoffman, Lead Planner

SUBJECT: Downtown 2015 Plan Boundary Amendment

The City Plan Commission recommended approval (5-0) on March 12, 2015.

Attachments: Proposed Ordinance