

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

DEPARTMENT: Engineering and Construction Management Department
AGENDA DATE: Introduction: July 3, 2012 Public Hearing: July 17, 2012

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DISTRICT AFFECTED: City Wide

SUBJECT:

An ordinance repealing Ordinance no. 016911 dated June 10, 2008 adopting sustainable development design standards for city buildings, so that new standards may be adopted by resolution.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

The proposed ordinance will rescind Ordinance No. 016911 that established the initial sustainable development design standards adopted by the City in order to replace it with a separate resolution adopting an expanded policy. The proposed policy will allow for the Green Globes Rating System as an alternative to the existing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEEDTM) standards currently required for certain City buildings. This proposed alternative is responsive to prior direction received by the Finance, Internal Audit, and Engineering/CIP & Management Services Legislative Review Committee to evaluate the feasibility of providing an option for green building standards.

Since green building standards are a policy area that is constantly evolving, the proposed policy can be easily revisited to reflect City Council's ongoing direction. The proposed resolution and policy will be considered concurrently with this item.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

(N/A)

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

DEPARTMENT HEAD: _____



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ORDINANCE NO. -----

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 016911 DATED JUNE 10, 2008 ADOPTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DESIGN STANDARDS FOR CITY BUILDINGS, SO THAT NEW STANDARDS MAY BE ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2008, the City Council for the City of El Paso, through Ordinance No. 016911, adopted Sustainable Development Design Standards requiring all new City buildings over 5,000 square feet be designed, contracted and built to a minimum LEED Silver certification level and all major renovations to City buildings be designed, contracted and built to include as many principles of the LEED program as feasible; and

WHEREAS, the standards for green design and construction are constantly developing and subject to technological improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City now desires to amend the 2008 Sustainable Development Design Standards to also allow for the use of the Green Globes Design Rating System as an alternative to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating system for City buildings; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter for the City of El Paso does not require that City policies be adopted by Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, City policies may be adopted by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to repeal the Ordinance adopting the 2008 Sustainable Development Design Standards for City Buildings and concurrent with this Ordinance adopt new Sustainable Development Design Standards for City Buildings by Resolution in order to facilitate and expedite any future revisions that may be required.

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

THAT Ordinance No. 016911, dated June 10, 2008, adopting Sustainable Development Design Standards for City buildings, be repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2012.

(Signatures begin on following page)

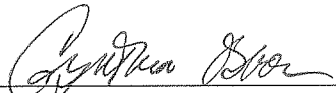
THE CITY OF EL PASO

John Cook
Mayor

ATTEST:

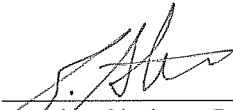
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