

## Legislation Text

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**File #:** 24-255, **Version:** 1

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**PRESENTER:**

Jean Drew, AICP, CNU-A, Planning and Development Services Assistant Director

**SUBJECT:**

Approval of the second and final reading of an ordinance regarding amendments to Chapter 118 Subdivision Platting, Sections 11 Waiver, 13 Appeal for relief from apportionment of municipal infrastructure costs, 22 Subdivision master plan, 44 Blocks, 49 Sidewalks, 51 Water, sewer and drainage facilities; flood hazards, and 56 Closure, abandonment and sale of public right of way.

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Development Services

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** All

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

In response to a request by City Council, staff examined the ordinances regarding development-related waivers that have the most significant impact on community safety and/or the city budget. After staff presentation at the August 21, 2023 City Council meeting, City Council directed staff to prepare draft amendments to the subdivision platting ordinance to include options and alternatives to the current process for waiver consideration. Of interest was requiring these waivers to have a Planning Commission recommendation with the final decision to be made by the City Council only when staff and Planning Commission recommendations differ.

**City Council held a public hearing on February 12, 2024, and unanimously approved the first reading of this ordinance (6-0-0).**

**ISSUE:**

Examination of the appropriate approval body for development-related waivers that have a fiscal impact on the budget, or a safety impact on New Braunfels citizens.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the proposed ordinance revisions to better serve the citizens of New Braunfels by requiring City Council input on waivers that impact community safety or those with a potential budgetary impact.

The Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on November 7, 2023, and unanimously recommended approval with some recommended minor word edits related to the identified city decision making authorities (7-0-0).