

## Legislation Text

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**PRESENTER:**

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**SUBJECT:**

Presentation and possible action directing staff to bring forward amendments to various development-related ordinances to streamline processes that require certain items to appear before City Council for final decision.

**DEPARTMENT:** Planning and Development Services

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** All

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Several development-related processes require multiple steps that end with City Council consideration. Some are required by state statute to be considered and decided by City Council (rezoning, alcohol distance variances). But others are required to “go to” City Council simply by local ordinance. Staff is looking at these processes to identify any streamlining opportunities.

**ISSUE:**

It has been noted that some of these processes do not necessarily rise to a level requiring City Council scrutiny and, with appropriate criteria, could be addressed and finalized at an administrative or board/commission level. This would save staff, customers and citizens time by streamlining the review and consideration process. Staff is examining the currently adopted ordinances and thus far has identified a few processes for consideration:

- Zoning appeal processes: Temporary Mobile Storage Units, Off-site Parking Plans, Multi-family and Non-residential design standards, etc.
- Subdivision Platting: Alternative Pedestrian Plans, sidewalk waivers, sidewalk escrow requests
- Signs: Temporary Street Banner appeals, Conditional Sign Permits, Sign variances, Interpretation appeals

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends moving forward with research to identify all streamlining opportunities, and bringing forward amendment recommendations.