

Legislation Text

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An Ordinance Of The City Of Hollywood, Florida, Amending Article 5 And 6 Of The Zoning And Land Development Regulations To Revise The Public Notice Requirements; Providing For A Repealer Provision; A Severability Clause; And Providing For An Effective Date. (16-T-59)

Staff Recommends: Approval of the attached Ordinance.

Explanation:

The Commission directed Staff to evaluate noticing requirements for public hearings relative to land development applications, rezonings, and text amendments, as outlined in Article 5 and 6. Currently, the City of Hollywood's Zoning and Land Development Regulations, in accordance with Florida Statutes, requires public notice for public hearings, including Mailed Notice, Property Posting (Signs), and/or Newspaper Advertisements, depending on the nature of the application request. Generally these notices are required to be post marked, posted, or published ten calendar days prior to the public hearing. Mailed notices are required to be mailed to all owners of property laying wholly or partially within 300 feet of the property subject to the petition.

In an effort to promote community engagement and enhance the public involvement process to ensure transparency and allow the community to be well informed, this Text Amendment proposes to expand current requirements, as provided in Attachment I. The amendment applies to all land development applications, rezoning, and text amendments, as outlined in Article 5 and 6 of the Zoning and Land Development regulations; whether initiated by an applicant or the City.

At Second Reading, this item will be accompanied by a proposal to also amend the Quasi-Judicial Procedures Policy to reduce the submittal deadline for Intervener Applications from eight calendar days to three calendar days, prior to the public hearing. The combination of these changes reaches a wider audience, while providing additional time for the public to review, understand, and comment on the nature of development applications. To allow Staff adequate time to review applications and ensure quality development, current submittal deadline policies will also be extended as a result of the proposed timeframe changes.

On September 8, 2016, the Planning and Development Board unanimously recommended approval of the Text Amendment with the following conditions: a) For commercial applications, include a public participation process requiring applicants to meet with civic associations and the general public early in the process; b) To maintain a radius of 300 feet for notices to single-family homes and include applicable home owner association.

Attachment I: Planning and Development Board Staff Report Recommended for inclusion on the agenda by: Dr. Wazir Ishmael, City Manager Gus Zambrano, Assistant City Manager/Sustainable Development Thomas Barnett, Director, Department of Development Services Leslie A. Del Monte, Planning Manager, Planning Division