



DEPARTMENT: Planning & Economic Development
AGENDA DATE: Introduction 5/17/11; Public Hearing 5/24/11
CONTACT PERSON/PHONE: Mathew McElroy, 541-4193
DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: All

SUBJECT:

An ordinance amending Title 19 (Subdivisions), Chapter 19.21 (Sidewalks) Section 19.21.020 (General Requirements) and Chapter 19.15 (Roadways) Section 19.15.110 (Street Width and Design, Table 19.15-3 Widths/Design Required by Street Type), 19.15.090 (Cul de Sac Streets), Table 19.15-1 (Width for Cul de Sac Streets for Certain Activities) of the El Paso City Code to amend sidewalk width, minimum right-of-way width, and cul de sac standards and requirements. The penalty is as provided in Chapter 19.42 of the City of El Paso City Code.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

N/A

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

Development Coordinating Committee (DCC) - Recommends approval.
City Plan Commission (CPC) - Recommends approval.

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

LEGAL: (if required) N/A

FINANCE: (if required) N/A

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Mathew McElroy
Deputy Director, Planning & Economic Development

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APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

CITY MANAGER: _____ DATE: _____

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 19 (SUBDIVISIONS), CHAPTER 19.21 (SIDEWALKS) SECTION 19.21.020 (GENERAL REQUIREMENTS) AND CHAPTER 19.15 (ROADWAYS) SECTION 19.15.110 (STREET WIDTH AND DESIGN, TABLE 19.15-3 WIDTHS/DESIGN REQUIRED BY STREET TYPE), 19.15.090 (CUL DE SAC STREETS), TABLE 19.15-1 (WIDTH FOR CUL DE SAC STREETS FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES) OF THE EL PASO CITY CODE TO AMEND SIDEWALK WIDTH, MINIMUM RIGHT-OF- WAY WIDTH, AND CUL DE SAC STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS . THE PENALTY IS AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 19.42 OF THE CITY OF EL PASO CITY CODE.

WHEREAS, Title 19 (Subdivisions) of the El Paso City Code (the “Code”) was adopted to promote the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Subdivision Ordinance helps guide the physical development of the community by promoting orderly and healthful design, and particularly by providing adequate public facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted a Resolution on January 6th 2011 detailing the relationship between the built environment and obesity and directed the City Manager to recommend subdivision code changes to increase opportunities for physical activity; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that wider pedestrian passages create walkable neighborhoods that promote the general welfare of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the Subdivision Ordinance establishes the requirements for sidewalk widths in new development; and,

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has recommended approval of the amendments, and the El Paso City Council finds that the amendments proposed herein will further protect and provide for the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the community, and

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

Section 1. That Title 19, Subdivisions, Chapter 19.21, Sidewalks, Section 19.21.020, General Requirements, Paragraph C, of the El Paso City Code be amended as follows:

19.21.020, General Requirements,

C. Location and Width of Sidewalks. Unless noted otherwise:

1. Sidewalks shall have a minimum clear path width of a minimum of six feet on local streets in all zoning districts primarily intended for single-family residential development when located adjacent to the property line. Sidewalks located next to the curb along local streets shall be a minimum six feet in width. Sidewalks along arterials shall have a minimum of six feet in width;

2. Sidewalks shall have a minimum clear path width of a minimum of six feet in all other locations;
3. Sidewalks in areas determined to be high pedestrian traffic areas or pedestrian-oriented developments by the CPC may be required to be wider than the minimum widths listed herein by the CPC;
4. Sidewalks shall be located in existing areas to match the width and location of existing walks of the block in which they are located. Vacant blocks shall comply with the sidewalk requirements of this title;
5. Sidewalks shall not be located next to the curb on collectors or arterial streets except when an exception is approved by the CPC or designee at the time of subdivision plat approval. Such exception shall be in accordance with Chapter 19.48 and due to actual physical or topographic constraints. Sidewalks on TXDOT facilities shall be as approved by TXDOT;
6. Sidewalks may be required to improve connectivity between subdivisions, to schools, parks, bus stops and retail areas by the CPC at the time of plat approval;
7. The CPC may approve alternative sidewalk design and locations at the time of plat approval including meandering or curvilinear sidewalks provided such design and location meets the intent of this title.

Section 2. That Title 19, Subdivisions, Chapter 19.15, Roadways, Section 19.15.110, Street width and design, Table 19.15-3 Widths/Design Required by Street Type, of the El Paso City Code be amended as follows:

1. Under the column titled "Minimum Right-of-way Width,*" the following sections shall be amended as follows:

Arterial, Minor that currently reads 76'/86' shall be amended to 80'/88'.

Arterial, Major that currently reads 98'/108' shall be amended to 102'/110'.

Arterial, Boulevard that currently reads 96' shall be amended to 100'.

Collector Residential, that currently reads 54' shall be amended to 58'.

Collector Non-Residential 4 lanes, that currently reads 68'/80' shall be amended to read 72'/84'.

Multifamily, commercial, industrial, that currently reads 54'/62' shall be amended to read 58'/66'.

Local, Single Family, Local 1, that currently reads 48' shall be amended to read 52'.

Local, Single Family, Local 2, that currently reads 46' shall be amended to read 50'.

Local, Single Family, Local 3, that currently reads 50' shall be amended to read 54'.

Local, Single Family, Lane, that currently reads 38' shall be amended to read 42'.

2. Under the column titled "Sidewalk Required (See Section 19.21)," the following sections shall be amended as follows:

Arterial, Minor, Arterial, Major and Arterial, Boulevard that currently reads "Yes, 5 ft. on property line or 10' hike/bike 5' walk on boulevard" shall be amended to read, "Yes, 6 ft. on property line or 10' hike/bike 6' walk on boulevard".

Collector Residential, Collector Non-Residential and Multifamily, commercial, industrial, that currently reads "Yes, 5 ft. on property line" shall be amended to read "Yes, 6 ft. on property line".

Local, Single Family, Local 1, Local 2, Local 3, Lane, that currently reads "Yes, 5 ft. on property line" shall be amended to read "Yes, 6 ft. on property line".

3. The column title "Minimum Right-of-Way Width, *" shall be amended as follows:

Six asterisks (*****) shall be added to the column title.

4. The following section shall be added at the bottom of the table and designated with six asterisks (*****):

***** For arterials with lots designed under Section 19.15.060.F.4, the minimum width of the parkway shall be 13 feet, to include a 6-foot sidewalk and a 7-foot landscaped area.

Section 3. That Title 19, Subdivisions, Chapter 19.15.090, Cul de Sac Streets, Table 19.15-1 Width for Cul de Sac Streets for Certain Activities, of the El Paso City Code is amended as follows:

1. Under the column titled "Right-of-Way Width", the following sections shall be amended as follows:

Less than 12 dwellings, that currently reads 50' shall be amended to read 54'.

1-25 dwellings, that currently reads 54' shall be amended to read 58'.

Nonresidential Zoning Districts (except as otherwise specified) that currently reads 52' shall be amended to read 56'.

Heavy Commercial District and Industrial Districts that currently reads 60' shall be amended to read 64'.

Section 4. Except as herein amended, Title 19, Subdivisions, of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ **of** _____ **2011**

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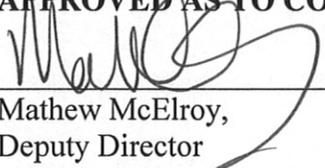
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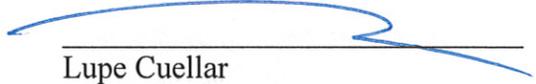
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APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Mathew McElroy,
Deputy Director
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Lupe Cuellar
Assistant City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____



MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 9, 2011

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
Joyce A. Wilson, City Manager

FROM: Mathew McElroy, Deputy Director
Planning & Economic Development

SUBJECT: Amendment to Title 19 widening the minimum sidewalk width to six feet and the minimum landscape area width to 5 feet for all rights-of-way.

The City Plan Commission (CPC), on May 5, 2011, voted 6-0 to recommend approval of the proposed Title 19 amendment.

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