

CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS
DEPARTMENT HEAD'S SUMMARY REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION (RCA)

DEPARTMENT: DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

AGENDA DATE: INTRODUCTION: AUGUST 19, 2008
 PUBLIC HEARING: AUGUST 26, 2008

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DISTRICT(S) AFFECTED: ALL

SUBJECT:

An Ordinance to amend Title 2 (Administration and Personnel); Chapter 2.38 (Building and Standards Commission); to amend Section 2.38.020 D (Appointment), to name the Development Services Department as a department to work with the Commission.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:

This ordinance would amend Section 2.38.020 of the City Code to amend a provision which designates the Building Permits and Inspections Department to work with the Building and Standards Commission, and change it to state the Development Services Department. In 2005 the City changed to the Council-Manager form of government and also created the Development Services Department as an oversight department for the Planning and Building Permits and Inspections Departments. The Charter amendments approved in 2007 gave the City Manager greater delegation authority, and as a result, it is no longer necessary to maintain these departments as separate departments, and Planning and Building Permits and Inspections are being designated as divisions within the Development Services Department. Accordingly, it is necessary to amend all of the Code provisions, such as this one, which specifically refer to Building Permits and Inspections Department.

This amendment will also remove language designating certain staff as ex officio members of the Building and Standards Commission, as under the current Council-Manager form of government, it is no longer appropriate to have specifically named employees be designated as ex officio members of a Commission.

PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:

N/A

AMOUNT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

N/A

BOARD / COMMISSION ACTION:

N/A

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

LEGAL: (if required) _____ **FINANCE:** (if required) _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD: *Victor Q. Torres*
Victor Q. Torres, Development Services Director

OTHER: _____
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APPROVED FOR AGENDA: _____

CITY MANAGER: _____ **DATE:** _____

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL); CHAPTER 2.38 (BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION); TO AMEND SECTION 2.38.020 D (APPOINTMENT), TO NAME THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT AS A DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH THE COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, the structure of the bureaus of the Planning Department and the Building Permits and Inspections Department is being changed to make these units divisions of the Development Services Department; and

WHEREAS, various provisions in the City Code relating to the Planning Department, the Building Permits and Inspections Department, the building official and the department directors need to be amended to reflect the change in structure and titles.

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

Section 1. That Chapter 2.38 (Building and Standards Commission), Section 2.38.020, Subsection D, (Appointment), of the El Paso City Code, is amended as follows:

2.38.020, Subsection D, Appointment.

D. The director of the development services department (hereinafter referred to as director), the director of the department of environmental services, the fire official, and the chief of police or their designees shall serve in an advisory capacity to the members of the commission.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2008.

Section 3. Except as herein amended, Title 2 of the El Paso City Code shall remain in full force and effect.

ADOPTED THIS 26th day of August 2008.

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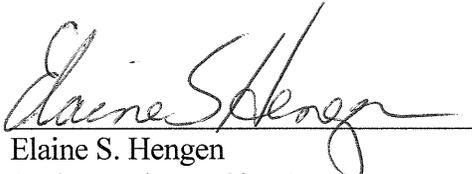
CITY OF EL PASO

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Elaine S. Hengen
Senior Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Victor Q. Torres, Director
Development Services Department