

Public Hearing: February 13, 2012

FACT SHEET

TITLE: Access Management Policy

SPONSOR:

OTHER DEPARTMENTS AFFECTED:
Planning, Building and Safety, Urban
Development

OPPONENTS: Unknown

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: For

APPLICANT:Public Works and Utilities

REASON FOR LEGISLATION: Replace the existing driveway standards contained in Chapters 1 and 4 of the City's Design Standards with the Access Management Policy.

DISCUSSION

Chapter 4 of the current Design Standards contains the City's standards for driveways. The driveway standards in the document are outdated, not specific in some areas, and do not address many areas of importance.

A new Access Management Policy has been created to take the place of the Design Standards. The new policy takes into account many items not covered in the previous standards, and offers a developer a comprehensive set of items, which if followed, will allow for an easier access approval process. The new policy also takes into account the difficulties in meeting the full standards of access in redeveloping properties, allowing for lesser standards to be met in those instances where full compliance is not possible or practical. The policy also provides for a deviation and appeal process if an owner is not satisfied with the answers they get from City staff.

This policy has been presented to many development-related groups across the City. It has also been the subject of a committee convened to make it both development-friendly while maintaining the necessary components to ensure that access will continue to be safe and efficient for the City's street system. The committee has endorsed the policy and continues to support its adoption.

Approval of this item will adopt the Access Management Policy in place of Chapter 4 of the Design Standards as the City's means for issuing Driveway Approach Permits.

POLICY OR PROGRAM CHANGE: Yes

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