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Agenda Information Sheet

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Services and Sustainability

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SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide direction regarding Denton Development Code Subchapter 17 Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs).

BACKGROUND

On June 6, 2016 the Committee on the Environment (COE) gave staff direction to proceed with proposing revisions to Subchapter 17 of the Denton Development Code (DDC). The revisions would be classified into four major categories: editorial corrections, code language clarification, code language additions, and policy changes. The level of revision complexity generally increases with each category as listed. On February 6, 2017 staff presented the second part of proposed policy changes to Subchapter 17.

This presentation would continue discussing policy changes with the purpose of making the code more clear, improve organization, and making it easier to understand. Staff identified numerous policy changes throughout Subchapter 17 and the review of proposed changes would require multiple presentations. Additional code policy changes will be addressed in future presentations.

The proposed policy changes are shown as redlines in Exhibit 1. A clean version of the proposed changes are provided in Exhibit 2. The proposed changes would require the creation of a criteria manual for environmentally sensitive areas.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

June 6, 2016: Presentation to the COE regarding Amendments to Subchapter 17

August 1, 2016: Presentation to the COE regarding code corrections to Subchapter 17

September 12, 2016: Presentation to the COE regarding code language clarifications to Subchapter 17 Part 1

October 3, 2016: Presentation to the COE regarding code language clarifications to Subchapter 17 Part 2

December 5, 2016: Presentation to the COE regarding code language additions to Subchapter 17 Part 1

January 17, 2017: Presentation to the COE regarding code language addition (Part 2) and policy changes (Part 1) to Subchapter 17

February 6, 2017: Presentation to the COE regarding code language policy changes to Subchapter 17 Part 2

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision.

The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: **Sustainable & Environmental Stewardship**

Related Goal: **5.4 Manage land use and preserve open/natural spaces**

EXHIBITS

1. DDC Subchapter 17 redline version for “language additions” category
2. DDC Subchapter 17 clean version for “language additions” category

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