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Agenda Information Sheet

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Services and Sustainability

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SUBJECT

Receive a report and hold a discussion 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). As outlined in the Prior Action / Review section below, the COE has met eight times to review and provide recommendations for numerous proposed changes. The changes were classified into four major categories: editorial corrections, code language clarification, code language additions, and policy changes. Recommended changes are meant to make the code more clear, improve organization, and simplify code language. On April 3, 2017 staff presented the last policy changes to Subchapter 17.

This presentation would provide a compilation of all proposed changes, and it is meant to keep the new COE member abreast of the recent Committee's efforts in addressing ESAs.

All proposed changes are shown as redlines in Exhibit 1. A clean version of the proposed changes is provided as Exhibit 2. The proposed changes will require amending multiple subchapters of the Development Code, creating a new ESA criteria manual, revising development applications and checklists, and amending the official Environmentally Sensitive Areas map.

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

March 6, 2017: Presentation to the COE regarding code language policy changes to Subchapter 17 Part 3

April 3, 2017: Presentation to the COE regarding code language policy changes to Subchapter 17 Part 4

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
2. DDC Subchapter 17 clean version

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