



Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 21-25 creating a new Part 19 (School Site Dedications) of Article 7 (Subdivision Regulations) of Chapter 7 (Planning, Development and Building) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to school site dedication

(Legislative)

Presenter:

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Background:

In the process of updating the Park Land Dedication Ordinance, the City approached the school districts to see if they would like to update the school site dedication ordinance as well. The school districts requested that their portion of the ordinance remain the same. To honor that request, the City has removed all park land language from the school site dedication ordinance in order to bifurcate the two ordinances. Additionally, the school site dedication ordinance is being placed in a newly created part of the City Code. There are no substantive changes to the school site dedication requirements

Should the Council adopt the new Park Land Dedication Ordinance, this ordinance is required to bifurcate the park land dedication requirements from the school site dedication requirements.

Financial Implications:

None of the school site dedication ordinance figures have changed in this ordinance.

City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Advisory Board (Parks Board) considered the proposed PLDO on November 12, 2020. On a 5 to 4 vote, the Parks Board recommends approval of the proposed PLDO with a change of the land dedication requirement from 5.5 acres to 7.5 acres per 1000 new residents.

The City Planning Commission considered the proposed PLDO on December 17, 2020. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the proposed PLDO as recommended by staff with

the land dedication requirement of 5.5 acres per 1000 new residents.

Both the Planning Commission and the Parks Board recommend establishment of the Neighborhood Park Districts and adoption of the fee schedule reflective of the land values identified through the appraisal process and the additional platting fees.

Both the Planning Commission and the Parks Board recommend adoption of the PLDO administrative manual.

Stakeholder Process:

A PLDO Stakeholder Steering Committee was formed to help guide the process and policy analysis. The Steering Committee included members of City Council, Parks Board, Planning Commission, park and open space advocates, and building industry among others.

The Steering Committee recommends the PLDO with the land dedication requirement of 5.5 acres and the establishment of the Neighborhood Park Districts.

Alternatives:

1. Approve a revised Park Land Dedication Ordinance including this School Site Dedication Ordinance.
2. Do not approve a revised Park Land Dedication Ordinance in which case this School Site Dedication Ordinance should also not be adopted.

Proposed Motion:

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