



Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 25-05 amending Section 104 (Appeals) of Article 13 (Relocation Policy and Program) of Chapter 6 (Neighborhood Vitality/Community Health) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to Relocation Application Appeals.

Presenter:

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Summary:

The attached ordinance amends the City Code provisions pertaining to Relocation Application Appeals as they pertain to the Real Estate Manual.

Background:

The proposed ordinance amends City Code Chapter 6 (Neighborhood Vitality/Community Health) with respect to the relocation process. City Code provides that when persons or businesses are relocated from real property as the result of a City program or project those persons and businesses are entitled to relocation assistance in accordance with the Uniform Relocation and Assistance Policies. As part of that process, if a party is aggrieved because they believe that the City has failed to properly consider the person's application for relocation assistance, they may file an appeal. The proposed ordinance changes who will hear a final administrative appeal under this part of the City Code. Currently final administrative appeals are heard by a panel consisting of the Mayor, the CEO of Utilities, and the Chief Executive Officer of MHS Enterprise. The proposed ordinance would provide that final administrative appeals will be heard by a hearing office appointed by the City Attorney pursuant to City Code section 1.2.409. Relocations generally occur on Utilities' projects and Public Works projects.

Previous Council Action:

City Council amended the City's Real Estate Manual in March of 2021 to manage City Real Estate, including provisions for acquisitions, dispositions and resolving title issues.

The proposed ordinance was reviewed at Utilities Board on November 20, 2024.

Financial Implications:

N/A

City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:

N/A

Stakeholder Process:

N/A

Alternatives:

City Council could decide not to approve the ordinance or to revise the ordinance.

Proposed Motion:

Adopt Ordinance No. 25-05 amending Section 104 (Appeals) of Article 13 (Relocation Policy and Program) of Chapter 6 (Neighborhood Vitality/Community Health), of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended pertaining to Relocation Application Appeals.

Ordinance amending the City Code related to composition of the plan that hears relocation appeals.