



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#20-0721

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Chris Lagerbloom, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: October 20, 2020

TITLE: First Reading - Ordinance Amending the Noise Ordinance Relating to the Construction of Large or Complex Projects (Transportation and Non-Transportation) Exemption for Time to Comply, Establishing Additional Criteria for the Approval and Revocation of Special Permits. –
(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission consider an Ordinance amending Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale to establish additional criteria for the approval and revocation of special permits.

Background

On July 10, 2018, the City Commission adopted an ordinance amendment to Section 17-10 of Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances to permit large transportation and non-transportation projects to start construction outside of the standard hours of construction as established in Section 17-8. Described amendment limits construction activity between the hours of 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday.

The adopted ordinance (C-18-18) allows applicants to request extended hours for a period of 30-days with one 15-day extension, for a total of 45-days, with construction hours limited to 6 a.m. till 11 p.m., if it is determined by the City Manager that approving the special permit serves the best interest of public health, safety or convenience. The described ordinance amendment was directly related to requests by the development community to mitigate the length of time large complicated projects are under construction and reduce overall impacts to neighbors and surround areas.

The language proposed by this current amendment would extend the overall time period by which the City Manager can approve a special permit if it is located within a Regional Activity Center land use designation (Downtown Regional Activity Center; Central Beach Regional Activity Center; Northwest Regional Activity Center; South Regional Activity Center) for periods of time beyond 15-days with construction hours limited between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. As the Regional Activity Centers are intended to

encourage development and redevelopment of areas that are of regional significance through mixed use development, the construction activity in these areas typically occurs more often and with greater intensity than other parts of the City. The intent of the proposed amendment is to mitigate the overall time it takes for construction projects to be completed, thus further reducing the impacts on existing neighboring development and surrounding areas.

In addition, proposed amendment will add language which allows the City Manager to revoke any special permit if it is found to be in violation or if it is determined by the City Manager the special permit no longer serves the best interest of public health, safety or convenience.

To review the proposed ordinance amendment, please refer to Exhibit 1.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Business Development Focus Area
- Goal 5: Build an attractive global and local economic community marketplace.
- Objective 1: Create a responsive and proactive business climate to attract emerging industries.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Ordinance

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