



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 4, 2010

TO: City Council

FROM: Planning Division, Community Development Department

SUBJECT: Introduction Of Ordinance For Architectural Board Of Review 2010 Membership Provisions

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council introduce and subsequently adopt, by reading of title only, An Ordinance Of The Council Of The City Of Santa Barbara Amending Section 22.68.010 Of Chapter 22.68 Of Title 22 Of The Santa Barbara Municipal Code Relating To The Composition Of The Architectural Board Of Review And Transitioning The Board From Nine Members To Seven Members.

DISCUSSION:

Background

On November 3, 2009, City of Santa Barbara voters passed Measure E amending Section 814 of the City Charter to reduce the membership of the Architectural Board of Review (ABR) from nine members to seven members. Measure E also authorized the City Council to adopt an ordinance to properly transition the ABR from nine members to seven members. The Ordinance revisions would make Title 22 consistent with the Charter regarding ABR membership and allow for an eight member transition period until the end of 2010.

The transition period is necessary to maintain a good ABR design review process that functions better when two landscape architects are included in the review of projects. The inclusion of two landscape architects also allows for backup functions if one landscape architect cannot attend a meeting.

Ordinance Committee Review and Vacancy Recruitment

On April 20, 2010, the Ordinance Committee considered the proposed amendments, and voted 3/0 to forward to Council for adoption. No public comments were received regarding the proposed amendments. The Ordinance Committee was informed that the ABR supports the proposal and requests that the change be implemented for 2010.

The proposed interim ABR position vacancy has been announced and recruitment initiated by the Clerk's Office. The appointment for the interim 2010 ABR position is expected to occur at mid-year.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This proposal involves no significant expenditures or staff work to implement.

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