



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Public hearing on Land Use Ordinance Amendments Relating to Design Standards for Bike and Pedestrian Paths

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is for the Board of Aldermen to consider amending the Land Use Ordinance to clarify design standards for bike and pedestrian paths. A draft ordinance has been prepared for the Board's consideration. The Board must receive public comments before taking action on the draft ordinance.

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INFORMATION: The table in Section 15-196 of the Land Use Ordinance, Active Recreational Areas and Facilities Required, lists hiking/biking trail as a potential facility for satisfying recreational point requirements. Two subsequent subsections 15-196(h)(2) and 15-196(e) reference the construction of bike and pedestrian paths, but neither provision specifies design or construction standards.

Section 15-321(c)(1) of the Land Use Ordinance provides for staff to proceed with the preparation of an ordinance to change the LUO if it believes the change to have significant merit and would benefit the general public. A draft ordinance has been prepared that establishes design and construction standards based on the 2012 AASHTO Guide for Bicycle Facilities, 4th Edition, the current standard for these types of facilities.

Staff presented the draft ordinance at the March 6th joint review meeting. The ordinance was also referred to the Recreation and Parks Commission. Inclement weather prevented the Commission from taking formal action on the item, but comments from individual members are included with the recommendations from other advisory boards (*Attachment D*). Comments from Orange County are also provided.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: Public hearings involve staff and public notice costs associated with advisory board and Board of Aldermen review.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Board of Aldermen consider the resolution finding consistency, and the draft ordinance provided in the attachments.