



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Public Hearing and First Reading City Council Meeting of November 19, 2013  
Second Reading City Council Meeting of December 10, 2013

**DATE:** November 13, 2013  
**TO:** Ronald L. Olson, City Manager  
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### Ordinance Amending Unified Development Code

#### **CAPTION:**

Ordinance amending Articles 1 and 8 of the Unified Development Code relating to design standards, criteria, and requirements for design; requiring compliance with design standards issued by the City Engineer; and providing for severance, penalties, and publication.

#### **PURPOSE:**

Approval of Ordinance amending Articles 1 and 8 of the Unified Development Code.

#### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Unified Development Code has sections that are outdated and require modification to adopt acceptable utility design standards. Currently, the standards do not provide for a long life level of service. The proposed text amendment would require construction of public utilities to comply with standards developed by the City's Engineering Department, approved by the City Engineer and as listed in the Infrastructure Design Manual.

In March 2013, an ordinance was passed to amend the Unified Development Code (UDC) related to street design standards and criteria. A requirement of this UDC amendment was the creation of the 2013 edition of the City of Corpus Christi Infrastructure Design Manual (IDM). This manual is issued by the City's Engineering Department.

On August 27, 2013, Development Services notified and solicited input from the local engineering community of a proposed additional text amendment for design standards pertaining to storm water, wastewater, water and traffic and signal design. No comments requesting revisions to the proposed text amendment were received.

On October 23, 2013, the Planning Commission reviewed the text amendment and recommended the City Council approve the Ordinance as presented.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

- 1. Approve Ordinance amending Articles 1 and 8 of the Unified Development Code
- 2. Deny or alter proposed Ordinance amending Articles 1 and 8 of the Unified Development Code

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not Applicable

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

The proposed ordinance conforms to the City Charter’s requirements for amending the Code of Ordinances and the Unified Development Code.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Development Services

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Operating       Revenue       Capital       Not applicable

<b>Fiscal Year 2013-2014</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
Future Anticipated Expenditures				
BALANCE				

**COMMENTS:**

N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

City Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Ordinance  
PowerPoint Presentation