

COUNCIL POLICY NUMBER 26.9

POLICY TITLE: APPROVAL OF PROJECTS IN DOWNTOWN AREA

POLICY STATEMENT:

Currently, projects in the downtown area may be approved without a public hearing by planning department staff.

The Planning director has the discretion to refer projects to public hearings even if no public hearing is required by the type of permit.

As a short-term measure until Council develops a more comprehensive measure to deal with the approval of projects in the downtown area, the Zoning Board is hereby instructed to conduct only one hearing in the event an appeal is filed on a project in the downtown area which has been approved by staff over the counter.

If the Zoning Board cannot reach a conclusion on the appeal in one hearing, the matter will be referred to the City Council.

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