

City of Brisbane

Agenda Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Community Development Director via City Manager

SUBJECT: Initiation of a Municipal Code Amendment to Update the Green Building Ordinance

DATE: Meeting of January 17, 2012

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City Council Goals:

To provide for effective and efficient delivery of City services (Goal #1).
To develop plans and pursue opportunities to protect natural resources (Goal #8).

Purpose:

The City's Green Building Ordinance (GBO) has been in effect since 2007. Green building standards throughout the state and nation are evolving and higher standards of green building are becoming more common. Although no development subject to the GBO has been constructed, there is an office project at Sierra Point which has agreed to comply with LEED Gold standards in lieu of LEED Silver as required by the GBO. In considering this particular proposal, the City Council expressed an interest in upgrading the City's Green Building Ordinance overall.

If the City Council desires the Green Building Ordinance to be amended to require higher green building standards, it would be appropriate that a formal amendment to the Municipal Code be initiated.

Recommendation:

That the City Council initiate an amendment to the Municipal Code to upgrade City's Green Building Ordinance and provide direction as it deems appropriate.

Discussion:

There are several options that can be considered in updating the GBO. For example, upgrading the requirements from LEED Silver to LEED Gold is one approach. Another approach would be to consider adoption of the more aggressive Tier standards of the State Building Code (CALGREEN.) As a matter of information, the Open Space and Ecology Committee was

actively involved in the development of the City's Green Building Ordinance and the City Council might wish to refer the proposed update to them. Otherwise the matter could be set directly for consideration by the City Council.

Fiscal Impact:

None.

Measure of Success:

That the City's Green Building Ordinance is up to date and reflects the City Council's expectations.

Attachments:

None



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