
M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: January 6, 2009
TO: City Council Members
FROM: Jennifer Bruno, Policy Analyst
RE: Proposed amendment to sunset provision of Ordinance 74 of 2006, providing for an expedited approval process for temporary construction-related activities in a portion of the Downtown area

Background

In October of 2006, the Council unanimously passed Ordinance 74 of 2006, which provides for an expedited approval process for temporary construction-related activities in a portion of the Downtown area (bounded by North Temple, 600 South, Interstate 15, and 200 East), and grants the authority to City administrative staff to modify certain City regulations for construction-related activities. The Council took this action on the policy basis that between 2006 and 2011, more than \$1.5 billion in public and private funds will be invested in the downtown, making it one of the most important redevelopment periods in the City's history, and that it is in the City's best interest to take a proactive approach in addressing the construction approval process needs. The sunset date of the original ordinance is October 21, 2008 (two years from publication).

Staff has attached the staff report from October 2006, if Council Member wish to obtain a more detailed analysis of the expedited approval process.

Current Request

The Administration is requesting that the sunset date be amended from October 21, 2008, to October 21, 2010, to continue to support the major construction activities that are ongoing in the downtown area. No other changes to the ordinance are requested at this time.

The Planning Commission reviewed this requested amendment on November 19, 2008, and voted unanimously to support the sunset date extension.

The City Council's will hold a public hearing on January 6th, at which point the Council may vote whether or not to extend the current sunset date.