

Agenda Item Summary

Item No. 7a

Council Meeting Date	August 18, 2020
Department	Office of the City Manager
Submitted By	James C. Buston, III
Agenda Section	Ordinances

Name and address of person(s) or business(es) this item affects:

City of Auburn
144 Tichenor Avenue
Auburn, AL 36830

Description of item under consideration

This ordinance will extend the moratorium on the construction of private dormitories and academic detached dwelling units (ADDUs) within the City of Auburn for 120-days until December 23, 2020 unless terminated or further extended by action of the City Council. The City Council adopted Ordinance 3204 declaring a moratorium on February 18, 2020 and Ordinance 3232 on May 19, 2020 extending the moratorium an additional 90-days until August 25, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the extension of the moratorium will allow time for adequate public comment and input prior to presentation and adoption of recommendations. The Planning Commission held work sessions on August 10 and 13 to evaluate recommendations relative to the moratorium. Public hearings will be held when the proposed Zoning Ordinance changes will be formally considered by the Planning Commission at their September 10, 2020 meeting.

Why is Council action needed?

Section 2-4 of the City Code and Section 11-43A-24 of the Code of Alabama require unanimous consent of the City Council to pass an ordinance at the same meeting at which it is introduced.

Are there deadlines involved with this item?

Yes

Please explain

The current moratorium is in effect through August 24, 2020.

Is this a budgeted item?

N/A

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, ALABAMA, TO EXTEND ORDINANCE NUMBER 3204 DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF PRIVATE DORMITORY AND ACADEMIC DETACHED DWELLING UNIT DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2020 the City of Auburn, Alabama, enacted Ordinance Number 3204 which provided for a moratorium on the construction of Private Dormitory and Academic Detached Dwelling Unit developments within the City; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance was to continue through May 27, 2020 unless terminated or extended by action of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance was extended until August 25, 2020 by the City Council on May 19, 2020 via Ordinance Number 3232; and

WHEREAS, the moratorium was put into place to allow City staff to formulate recommendations to the Planning Commission and City Council to manage the proliferation of Private Dormitory and Academic Detached Dwelling Unit developments; and

WHEREAS, in order for City staff to complete their recommendations and present such for adoption, it is necessary that the recommendations be thoroughly vetted and commented on by the public; and

WHEREAS, due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic and related orders from the Governor and the Alabama Department of Public Health there has not been an opportunity for the staff to present the draft recommendations for public review and comment; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide time for adequate public comment and input prior to presentation and adoption of the recommendations, a 120-day extension of the moratorium beyond August 25, 2020 is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, on August 18, 2020 as follows:

Section 1. That Ordinance Number 3204 adopted by the City Council on February 18, 2020, and as extended by the City Council on May 19, 2020 via Ordinance Number 3232, is hereby extended an additional 120-days from August 25, 2020, until December 23, 2020, unless terminated or further extended by action of the City Council.

ADOPTED and approved by the City Council of the City of Auburn, Alabama, this the 18th day of August, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Manager