

**TOWER DISTRICT DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA**

Tuesday May 2, 2023 – 5:00 p.m.

THIS MEETING WILL BE ACCESSIBLE VIA ZOOM

Click the link below to register and join meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/98211007753>

I. CALL TO ORDER

Purpose of Committee, Introductions and Procedures – Chair Kamboj

II. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA MATERIALS AND REPORTS FROM STAFF

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS - Reports from Committee Members

IV. CONTINUED MATTERS – Continued Matters are items that have been previously reviewed but were not voted upon by the Committee. Further discussion respective to issues which necessitated the continuance from a previous agenda will likely be required prior to action by the Committee.

A. No Continued matters.

V. NEW MATTERS – New Matters are items that will be reviewed by the Committee and which may be subject to a vote of the Committee. Applicants and/or their representatives are asked to be in attendance to discuss these projects.

A. Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element

Location: Citywide

Applicant: City of Fresno

California housing element law requires every jurisdiction to prepare and adopt a housing element every 8 years as part of their required general plans. The purpose of the Housing Element is to ensure planning for safe, decent and affordable housing for all city residents. The City of Fresno prepared its own housing element for the current housing element in 2016. At the same time, 13 of Fresno County's 16 jurisdictions, with help from the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG), prepared a multi-jurisdictional housing element that was very well received by the California Department of Housing and Community Development, the state agency responsible for certifying housing elements.

The City's Housing Element will need to be updated by December of 2023. FCOG jurisdictions have come together to embark on another multijurisdictional effort, and this time, the City Council directed that the City of Fresno participate in that effort due to cost, time and resource savings, and for the opportunity to collaborate regionally on housing.

The Multi-jurisdictional Housing Element update is now underway, and the goal of the presentation is to provide information about the update and prepare the committee to

consider the updated Housing Element when it is available for public review/adoption later this year.

[Multi-Jurisdictional Housing Element Presentation Material](#) (click link)

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B. Razor Wire Text Amendment
Location: Citywide
Applicant: City of Fresno

Text Amendment Application No. P23-01018 proposes a mechanism to provide additional security measures to businesses within areas where security fencing is permitted throughout the City of Fresno, many of which already included razor wire fencing, the City of Fresno (Applicant) is proposing Text Amendment P23-01018 which would amend Section 15-2009 Security Fencing of the Fresno Municipal Code to permit razor wire in the following situations: (1) where such fencing is required by any law or regulation of the City, the State of California, the federal government, or other public agency; (2) where used to contain livestock; (3) in Commercial Districts where not visible from any street, highway, public open space, recreation area, or Residential District; (4) in Industrial Districts unless it abuts a Residential District, is located within 100 feet of a Residential District or is located within 100 feet of a park or other public open space, where it is prohibited; (5) Construction Sites as a temporary measure. This update would not only codify the ability for businesses to install razor wire fencing but would grandfather in those businesses which already included razor wire fencing on their properties into compliance. Prior to installation, property owners are required to apply for a permit with the City.

[Razor Wire Text Amendment Presentation](#) (click link)
[Razor Wire Text Amendment Resolution](#) (click link)
[Razor Wire Text Amendment Summary](#) (click link)

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VII. COMMITTEE CONSULTATION AND UNSCHEDULED MATTERS-

Committee Consultation Items and unscheduled matters are items that the general public can address to the Committee in order to request input on a proposed project with no formal recommendations, or to provide general information about projects and events in the Tower District. However, the Committee cannot take formal action on these items. **(Unscheduled Items shall each be limited to five minutes.)**

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Tower District Review Committee is tentatively scheduled for May 16, 2023

The 2023 Tower District Design Review Committee meetings are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 pm in room 2165, 2nd floor at City Hall, 2600 Fresno Street.

As noted above, the Tower District Design Review Committee meeting will be available to the public via teleconference.

Check <http://www.fresno.gov> for the Tower District Design Review Committee meeting calendar

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