



City Council Meeting - Final

June 20, 2023
7:00 PM

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- A. **ORD2023-007** Public Hearing - Approval of ORD2023-007 for amendments to the Subdivision Regulations in relation to public streets and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.



City of Smyrna

Issue Sheet

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City Hall
2800 King Street
Smyrna, GA 30080

File Number: ORD2023-007

Agenda Date: 6/20/2023

In Control: City Council

File Type: Ordinance

Agenda Section:

Community Development Item

Agenda Number: A.

Department: Community Development

Agenda Title:

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ISSUE AND BACKGROUND:

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RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION:

Community Development recommends approval of ORD2023-007 for amendments to the subdivision Regulations in relation to public streets and authorize the Mayor to sign and execute all related documents.

CITY OF SMYRNA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Council

From: Russell Martin, AICP, Community Development Director
Joey Staubes, AICP, Planner II

Date: June 7, 2023

CC: Joe Bennett – City Administrator

RE: **Subdivision Ordinance Amendments**

BACKGROUND

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STAFF COMMENTS

Community Development has reviewed the Subdivision Ordinance and is proposing code amendments to the following sections.

Amend Section 703 of the Subdivision Ordinance (Appendix B) to require lot access be provided over a public street. The proposed sections shall read as follows (amended portions are highlighted).

Sec. 703. - Access.

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ATTEST:

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