



2024 City of Dallas Charter Review Commission

Proposed Amendment #99

Submitted by: Brent Rubin	Location: Chapter XV, Sec. 4	Category: Operational
CHAPTER XV, SEC. 4. DUTIES OF ZONING COMMISSION. Amend Chapter 15, Section 4 of the Charter to authorize administrative approval of plat applications.		
Rationale: In 2023, the Legislature amended Local Government Code Section 212.0065 to substantially broaden the circumstances in which a municipality can delegate authority to approve a plat, which by default rests with a planning commission, to an employee or officer of the municipality—i.e., administrative approval. Currently, the Charter tasks the City Plan Commission with considering plat applications, which, at best, leaves it uncertain whether the CPC’s authority can be delegated through administrative approval. Any delegation would also require a separate code amendment, through which the specifics of the administrative approval process could be worked out, so this Charter amendment would facilitate consideration of, but not mandate, an administrative approval process. Among other things, an administrative approval process should be considered because it has the potential to make development processes more efficient and because it could decrease the workload of CPC without significantly increasing workload of city staff, which already thoroughly reviews platting applications before they are presented to CPC.		