City of Boerne	AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY		
Agenda Date	May 11, 2021		
Requested Action	D. CONSIDER ON FIRST READING ORDINANCE NO. 2021- ; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF BOERNE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE NO. 2007-56, AS REVISED FEBRUARY 11, 2020, ARTICLE 2. "PROCEDURES", TO ADD SECTION 09. "DORMANCY FOR PERMITS AND PROJECTS."		
Contact Person	Laura Haning, Planning and Community Development Director		
Background Information	Chapter 245 of the Local Government Code authorizes cities to regulate the expiration of permits and projects. With the update to our regulations there has been much discussion regarding vesting of rights. Vesting and dormancy will be addressed with the UDC, but we currently have nothing in place in our ordinances that provides for expirations of permits or projects. A project is vested with the submission of a plan to the city, and there is no legal requirement for a "plan" to be detailed. That being said, as discussion of the UDC has progressed much attention is being given to vesting of rights to use development code regulations in place when submitted. Vesting of rights provides developers and property owners certainty regarding development of their site. The city cannot change development rules in the middle of a project and require a developer to follow them. While vesting makes perfect sense for a good development, we do not want ill-conceived plans to be vested forever. Chapter 245 vesting is not related to zoning a property. Staff is proposing an expiration of five years for projects and two years for permits. Projects refers to a development as a whole, while permits are for individual pieces of a project. The expiration of a permit does not mean the project expires; individual permits may expire (like a building permit), but as long as there is continued progress on the project then it would not expire. With the addition of this ordinance, when there is no activity/permit for five years, a project would expire at that time.		

Item Justification	[] Legal/Regulatory Obligation	[]	Infrastructure Investment
	[] Reduce Costs	[]	Customer Demand
	[] Increase Revenue	[]	Service Enhancement
	[X] Drive Down Risk	[]	Process Efficiency
	[] Master Plan	[]	Other:
	Recommendation		
Financial			
Considerations			
Citizen Input/Board			
Review			
Legal Review			
Alternative Options			
Supporting	Supporting documentation is attac	hed	
Documents			