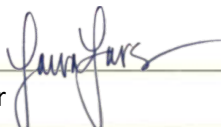



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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

June 23, 2023

Position: Defer to BMZA and Law

The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 23-0402, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals-Consent Agenda-Establishment, the purpose of which is to establish a consent agenda for the Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals to use for certain items during public hearings.

Background

The Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals (BMZA) is a land-use regulatory agency and quasi-judicial Board that hears and determines all zoning appeals. BMZA holds public hearings on land use and zoning applications, appeals, and other matters.

This legislation would establish a consent agenda at every public hearing that would include all applications and appeals with no community opposition. Items on the consent agenda would be reviewed to ensure they meet technical filing requirements and would be approved by BMZA. The intent of this legislation is that every item before BMZA that does not face opposition is approved.

Fiscal Impact

The Department of Finance does not anticipate a fiscal impact from this legislation. Enactment of this legislation would have operational impacts that would not affect the budget or personnel for the agency.

Conclusion

This legislation intends for all items before BMZA without community opposition be placed on a consent agenda and approved. Enactment of this legislation will impact agency operations but will not have budgetary or fiscal impacts. In addition, there may be considerations of how this legislation interacts with other parts of the City Code.

For the reasons stated above, the Department of Finance defers to the Law Department and BMZA on City Council Bill 23-0402.

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