

PETITION FOR AN AUSTIN ORDINANCE REQUIRING BOTH  
A WAITING PERIOD AND VOTER APPROVAL  
BEFORE CODENEXT OR COMPREHENSIVE LAND DEVELOPMENT REVISIONS  
BECOME EFFECTIVE

We, the undersigned registered voters of the City of Austin, support a proposed ordinance requiring that there shall be BOTH a waiting period and voter approval by election before CodeNEXT (or any subsequent comprehensive revisions of the City's land development laws) is legally effective. No land entitlements shall be granted or vested under the proposed comprehensive revisions until both requirements are met. Therefore, we, the undersigned, propose this ordinance be placed on the next available municipal election for a vote of the citizens of Austin:

I. Required Waiting Period and Voter Referendum for  
Comprehensive Revisions of the City's Land Development Laws.

A. Waiting Period. CodeNEXT, or subsequent comprehensive revisions of the land development laws, shall not go into effect legally, or any land entitlements be granted or vested under these laws, until the June 1st following the next regularly scheduled council elections after Council adopts CodeNEXT or the comprehensive revisions. This waiting period is to ensure voters can learn about the proposed comprehensive revisions and elect council members with sufficient time to amend or reject the prior council's adopted comprehensive revisions before these laws may go into effect.

B. Voter Approval. After the waiting period in Subsection (A), CodeNEXT, or subsequent comprehensive revisions of the land development laws, shall not go into effect, or any land entitlements be granted or vested under these laws, until the registered voters of Austin approve these laws at the next available municipal election. Voters shall approve or disapprove CodeNEXT, or subsequent comprehensive revisions, in its entirety and not piecemeal. Should the voters fail to approve the comprehensive revisions, then the existing land development laws remain in effect. Notwithstanding any other provision, under no circumstances, shall the voters' rejection of CodeNEXT or proposed comprehensive revisions under this Section be considered or interpreted as repealing the existing land development code.

C. This section overrides all city charter provisions, ordinances, and laws and should be liberally construed to uphold Austin citizens' sovereign rights to control their government and laws.

D. Severability Clause. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.