

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council

From: Pamela Centeno, Director of Planning & Codes

Subject: Minor Amendments to the Seguin Unified Development Code (UDC),
Variance for Onsite Consumption of Alcohol

Date: September 16, 2016

The Seguin Code of Ordinances prohibits the sale of alcohol within 300' of a school, church, or hospital, measured from front door to front door along property lines. The variance process from the 300' rule was adopted as part of the UDC. Only restaurants are eligible for a variance. Currently the UDC sets an additional distance requirement for a variance, requiring that the restaurant be at least 200' from the church, school, or hospital. Staff is recommending to remove the 200' distance requirement since only restaurants with less than 50% of alcohol sales are eligible to apply for a variance. Staff is also recommending to amend the notification requirements. The UDC currently requires notifications be sent to all property owners within 200'. Staff is recommending that notifications should only be sent to churches, schools, and hospitals since the distance requirements only apply to those entities.

A public hearing was held by the Planning and Zoning Commission on September 13, 2016 followed by a vote to recommend the amendments to Council. Attached please find a copy of the Final Report of the Commission and a copy of the proposed ordinance making the amendments described above.