2016-2017 SAC Task Force: Meeting 7





Meeting 7 Overview

- Approve minutes from Meeting 6
- Process recap
- Continue Issue 3 Conversion simplifying SAC determinations
- Discussion
- Integrate Issue 4 Simplify credit process
- Discuss next steps and dates



Process Recap



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- Task Force formed to review 4 issues:
 - Outdoor seating: complete
 - Manufactured homes: complete
 - Simplifying determinations: today's topic
 - Simplifying credits: today's and 7/26 topic
- In February, TF proposed to use Gross Square Feet for determination criteria (vs. Net Square Feet/Area Based)
 - Commissioned TKDA to conduct detailed analysis
 - Determine revenue-neutral criteria change
 - Determine uses not conducive to Gross Square Feet criteria
- Presenting proposals today
 - Present findings
 - Present TKDA/MCES recommendations
 - Discuss next steps



Continue Issue 3: SAC Determinations



Gross Square Feet (GSF) Analysis Approach

- Determinations reported January 2013 December 2015
 - Identified business types that lend it self to a gross square foot (gsf) SAC assignment (original area based criteria)
- Original SAC assignment and calculated the corresponding GSF/SAC
- Strong statistical correlation in the number of records associated per business type



Gross Square Feet (GSF) Analysis Approach - continued

- Impact of revised criteria
 - Total unit assignments
 - Total unit impact on per SAC fees
 - Adjustment of criteria to recapture loss of SAC revenue
- Need process for Credit recognitions (Issue 4)



GSF by Original SAC Charge – High Correlation



GSF by Original SAC Charge – High Correlation – cont'd



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GSF by Original SAC Charge – Low Correlation



GSF by Original SAC Charge – Low Correlation – cont'd



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Combine 5 SAC Criteria Categories

TKDA recommends combining 5 categories

Combined Category (new)	Category Components (old)
Banquet/Cafeteria	Banquet Cafeteria
Beauty Salon	Barber/Beauty Salon Nail Salon
Office/Warehouse/Retail	Office/Cafeteria Office/Retail/Warehouse Office/Warehouse/Cafeteria
School	Daycare Learn Center Elementary School Secondary School Specialty School
Vehicle Service	Automobile Service Car Dealership Gas Station Service Garage Service Station Vehicle Garage



Top 5 Business Types (# of determinations)

Business Type	Records Analyzed	R ²	Median GSF /SAC	Proposed GSF /SAC	Net Change Regional SAC Fee
Restaurants	794	80.8%	318.7	300	\$569,004
Office	722	97.9%	2659.1	2650	\$350,183
Office/Warehouse/ Retail	418	94.1%	3963.6	3950	\$49,074
Clinic	403	73.7%	2228.4	2200	-\$326,046
Warehouse	386	99.4%	6374.4	6350	-\$38,552



Determination Recommendation

- Adopt the recommendations of the final SAC Study completed by TKDA
 - Implement new GSF criteria methodology to selected business types
 - Combine multiple related business types into a single criterion
 - Define which criteria to use for specific business types (i.e. Office, Warehouse, Retail)
 - Gallon-based criteria to remain
- Hold public meeting to present proposed recommendations to stake holders
- Present to Council for adoption of recommendations
- Implement the new criteria starting January 2018



Discussion



Recommendations



Issue 4: Simplifying the Credit Process



SAC Credit Background

- SAC credit is capacity that has been freed up within the community for a specific site
- When a new use occurs on the site, the previous use is credited to the new use
 - If total capacity demanded is increased additional SAC is charged
- All Credit determinations are subject to review and approval of MCES



SAC Credit Recommendation Based on GSF Analysis

- SAC Credit based on the *greater of* SAC paid or the new gross square foot criteria
- No Net Credit unless the credit is from actual SAC paid to MCES (just like current rules with Non-Conforming Continuous Demand)
- Proof of a different previous use than what SAC records show:
 - City to provide a copy of the building permit
 - City statement of what the original foot print was (if different than the current tenant)
 - If the change of use occurred in the last 10 years, there is no credit



Important Dates



Tentative Dates

- June receive 3rd party engineering report on SAC Task Force recommendations for Gross Square Foot Criteria
- July 13 review findings with SAC Task Force
- July 26 final SAC Task Force meeting
- August 8 request open/public comment meetings from EC
- August September open issue up for public comment
- October 10 present findings and recommendation to EC
- November 8 receive final approval from Metropolitan Council
- January 1, 2018 new criteria & rules will be released with 2018 SAC manual



Next Meeting: July 26th @ Metro 94 Business Center 1PM - 3:30PM



Current SAC Credit Types

- SAC Paid to MCES
- Non-Conforming Grandparent (pre-1973)
- Non-Conforming Long Continuous Demand

Definitions can be found on Page 2 of your 2017 SAC Manual



Current Credit Rules

• Where SAC was paid

- Record of SAC payment to MCES is sufficient evidence for potential credit
- Total number of potential SAC credits is reduced by any Credits that were used off site by the city
- In redevelopment, where current determination requires less SAC than prior demand, Net Credits occur
- Net Credits may be taken city-wide or left site-specific at city's option at time of permit issuance



Current Credit Rules – cont'd

- If SAC was not paid Non-Conforming Grandparent
 - Records provided for Grandparent based on demand in 1972, if not determined since
 - In redevelopment, where current determination requires less SAC than prior demand, Net Credits occur
 - Net Credits from Grandparent stay site-specific for 5 years for on-site business growth



Non-Conforming Long Continuous Demand

- If SAC was not paid Non-Conforming Long Continuous Demand
 - Long Continuous Demand must be in use for 10 or more years and through at minimum 3 years ago
 - Must be for benefit of a different business or property owner
 - Net credits not available for Long Continuous Demand



Original Proposal to Simplify the Credit Process

- Eliminate Long Continuous Demand
- Allow owners to pay at historic rates
 - Currently available upon request to SAC Technician with dated plans
- Generate aides for historic credit proof
 - Clarify the materials needed to "prove" historical credit demand
- Other?

