

**MOTION
(AS AMENDED)
NO. M-25-225**

CITY HALL: April 10, 2025

BY: COUNCILMEMBER MORENO

SECONDED BY: COUNCILMEMBER MORRELL

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WHEREAS, the removal of barriers within the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance will provide clarity to applicants and neighbors, reduce the drain on City resources, and facilitate development where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the identification of barriers which may be removed without the creation of negative externalities requires careful consideration with input from all stakeholders, including City staff, residents, neighborhood associations, and developers; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the City Planning Commission is directed to conduct a public hearing and identify barriers and hurdles in the land use process which unnecessarily complicate and prolong the permitting and licensing process, as well as potential paths for removing these hurdles.

BE IT FURTHER MOVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the City Planning Commission is directed to work with the Council Land Use Officer and Department of Safety and Permits and to consult with governmental agencies, City departments, residents, neighborhood associations, developers, nonprofit sector experts, and private-sector experts as needed in order to fulfill the full scope of the study contemplated in this motion.

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THE FOREGOING MOTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS: Giarrusso, Green, Harris, King, Moreno, Morrell, Thomas - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

AND THE MOTION, AS AMENDED, WAS ADOPTED.

THE FOREGOING IS CERTIFIED
TO BE A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY

Aisha Collier

ASSISTANT CLERK OF COUNCIL

AMENDMENT TO MOTION M-25-225

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BY: COUNCILMEMBER MORENO

SECONDED BY:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

An amendment to add “nonprofit sector experts” to the list of entities the City Planning Commission should consult when crafting recommendations pursuant to M-25-225.

AMENDMENT:

- 1) On page 2, in the first **BE IT FURTHER MOVED** paragraph, insert the following language after the word “developers,”:

“nonprofit sector experts,”

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RECUSED:

AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

ENGROSSED VERSION:

The following engrossed version shows how the proposed amendment would modify Motion No. M-25-225, as originally introduced. Additions are underlined. Deletions are shown as ~~strikethroughs~~.

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