



CITY OF HOUSTON

City Council

To: Mayor John Whitmire

Subject: June 2, 2026, Budget & Finance
Affairs (BFA) Follow-Up

Date: June 3, 2026

From: Sallie Alcorn, BFA Chair

Dear Mayor Whitmire,

This memorandum formally advises you of an action taken during the BFA meeting on Tuesday, June 2, 2026. The committee took up amendments related to the open space ordinance following unanimous approval at planning commission on Thursday, May 28. Please see the attached committee report.

While the recommended amendments bring us in line with Texas' Local Government Code 212, more work is to be done.

Throughout the summer, I plan to continue working with your staff, Planning Senior Advisor Marlene Gafrick, Planning Director Vonn Tran, Houston Parks and Recreation Director Kenneth Allen, and Legal Section Chief Tami Kim, on strengthening reporting measures, analyzing indirect costs, engaging park users and industry stakeholders to increase to the current \$700 per dwelling unit fee, and addressing other related matters.

There were 13 council members in attendance, with ten remaining when votes were taken to advance the measure to the city council agenda for consideration. The measure received unanimous committee support for advancement.

Many thanks,

Sallie Alcorn