

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	12627	Agenda Number	17.
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Meeting Date:	3/1/2012	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Approve an Interlocal Agreement regarding the release of extraterritorial jurisdiction (“ETJ”) to the City of Jonestown. Approximately 66 acres will be released from Austin’s ETJ to Jonestown’s ETJ.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City of Jonestown has requested the release of approximately 66 acres of Austin’s extraterritorial jurisdiction (“ETJ”). This proposed release area is located in Travis County on the north shore of Lake Travis, east of the NorthShore On Lake Travis Subdivision and west of the Village of Volente, including Starnes Island and the surrounding waters of Lake Travis. The Village of Volente has made a related request for the release of approximately 637 acres of Austin’s ETJ adjacent to the area to be released to Jonestown.

Annexation by the City of Austin is not anticipated in the long term and Jonestown has better access to this portion of the lake and could annex and provide better service to the area if it is released from Austin’s ETJ. No future development is anticipated for this area as it is located entirely below the normal water level. Provisions of the interlocal agreement are intended to provide water quality related development standards similar to what is required under the City’s regulations. In particular, construction material that will be, or may become, submerged, will not be treated with chemicals that may harm aquatic organisms or impair water quality.

This release would be made as part of a continuing process in regional coordination and cooperation with our

neighboring cities, contingent on encumbering the release area with regulations that would provide similar water quality protection as the regulations in place prior to the release.

The product of several months of discussions and meetings with officials from Jonestown and Volente, this release of ETJ is recommended by City staff.