

Major Changes

- Align definitions of impervious cover for zoning and watershed regulations §25-1-23, 25-8-63
- Add exemptions to impervious cover calculations:
 - Public multi-use trails
 - Porous pavement for pedestrian walkways
 - Interlocking pavers for fire lanes §25-8-63
- Eliminate the Boundary Street Deduction §25-8-65
- Limit interbasin transfers §25-8-365

Improved Stormwater Controls



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- Require Water Quality (WQ) controls for projects with over 8,000 sq. ft. of impervious cover (instead of 20% IC trigger) §25-8-211
- Allow potential for “stacking” WQ & flood detention volumes in one pond §25-8-213
- Require third-party inspections for subsurface controls §25-8-231
- Disallow wet ponds in the Barton Springs Zone and over the recharge zone §25-8-213

Minimize Impact to Development

Impact Analysis

- Council resolution: "...minimize the impact of any changes on individual and collective abilities to develop land."
- WPD conducting analysis of properties to evaluate effect of ordinance proposals on:
 - Creek buffer geometry
 - Developable area
 - Allowable impervious cover

Adoption Schedule

Stakeholder Meetings	Sep. 2011 – April 2012
Staff develops Draft Ordinance	April – November
Informal Interdepartmental Review*	Nov. 2 – Nov. 30
Brief the Environmental Board	December 5
Stakeholder Feedback on Draft Ordinance*	Dec. 14 – March 2013
Formal Interdepartmental Review*	March 2013
Boards & Commissions	April – May 2013
City Council	June 2013
Travis County Commissioner's Court	Summer 2013

* City staff also happy to meet with interested groups upon request.

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