

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	31903	Agenda Number	59.
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Meeting Date:	4/17/2014	Department:	Watershed Protection
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Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance regarding floodplain variances for the construction of a new single-family residence at 1120 Eleanor Street as requested by the owner of the property. The property is partially in the 25-year and entirely in the 100-year floodplains of Fort Branch. (Suggested date and time: May 1, 2014, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street).

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
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Prior Council Action:	
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Additional Backup Information

The owner proposes to construct a new, one-story 1,400 square foot single-family residence with a 195 square foot covered patio. The property is partially in the 25-year floodplain and entirely in the 100-year floodplain of Fort Branch. The proposed building encroaches into the 25-year and 100-year floodplains. The development is the subject of Building Permit application number: 2013-093639 PR.

The owners seek variances to the City of Austin’s floodplain management regulations to: 1) encroach on the 25-year and 100-year floodplains of Fort Branch with a proposed building; 2) not provide normal access from the building to an area that is a minimum of one foot above the design flood elevation; and 3) exclude the building footprint from the required drainage easement.

While the finished floor elevation of the proposed building will be 3.1 feet above the 100-year floodplain, there will be water surrounding the foundation. A summary of the depth of water during the 100-year and 25-year flood events can be found below:

Depth of water:	100-year flood event	25-year flood event
At the street	1.3 ft.	0.1 ft.
At the front of the proposed building	0.9 ft.	0.0 ft.