

Late Backup

Item No. 94

8/7/2014

Initiated by CM Riley

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution No. 20120126-047 directing the City Manager to work with stakeholders to make recommendations on code amendments, a permitting process, a technical guidance document, and a program for staff support of gray water systems; and

WHEREAS, the code amendments that resulted from this stakeholder process were included in the adoption of the 2012 Uniform Plumbing Code (UPC) and its local amendments; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the 2012 UPC resulted in a clearer, more conservation-friendly code, it also highlighted some state code requirements that are inhibiting the city's ability to reduce hurdles related to the implementation of gray water systems, as well as other auxiliary water systems; and

WHEREAS, the July 10, 2014 Austin Water Resource Planning Task Force Recommendations Report includes a recommendation to remove all restrictions on gray water systems that comply with the 2012 UPC, as well as "other ordinances that stand in the way of expanding the use of local water resources," in order to make better use of this water resource; and

WHEREAS, there may be some state code requirements related to storage tanks and reduced pressure zones on rainwater systems that are not

connected to the water system, among other things, that may be inhibiting expanding the use of auxiliary water systems; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City's state legislative agenda is amended to include support for reduced regulatory barriers to auxiliary water use, [~~such as rainwater use and gray water use,~~ that are consistent with public health requirements.

The City Manager is directed to report the proposed legislative amendments to Council by September 25, 2014.]

ADOPTED: _____, 2014 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk