

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	<b>Item ID</b>	34508	<b>Agenda Number</b>	133.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	8/28/2014	<b>Department:</b>	Watershed Protection
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**Subject**

Conduct a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed increase to the drainage fee of the Watershed Protection Department as part of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 proposed budget.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

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

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	
<b>For More Information:</b>	Diane Gonzales, Planning and Development Review, (512) 974-9789
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	May 21, 2014 - Recommended by the Environmental Board on a 5 - 0 vote with Robert Deegan and Marisa Perales absent (Recommendation No 20140521-005B).
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

**Additional Backup Information**

The purpose of the hearing is to hear public comment on the proposed increase to the drainage fee. This increase was initially proposed during the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget process as part of a series of increases. A fee increase is necessary for the Department to maintain a stable transfer to its Capital Improvements Program and maintain existing service levels.

The proposed residential Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) charge for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is \$9.80 per month (an increase of \$0.60 from the current rate of \$9.20). The proposed non-residential (commercial) ERU charge for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 is \$242.16 per acre of impervious cover per month (an increase of \$14.83 from the current rate of \$227.33).

State law requires that proposed drainage fee increases be published in a newspaper of general circulation three times prior to the public hearing, the first notice of which must be on or before the 30th day before the hearing. Four notices were published: July 17, July 24, August 3, and August 13, 2014. Council is scheduled to adopt the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 proposed budget on September 8, 9, and 10, 2014.