

AFFORDABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA: RESOLUTION NO:

PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENT:	AUSTIN WATER UTILITY IS BRINGING FORWARD AN AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE SECTION 15-9-157 RELATING TO PROVIDING WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS TO RE-SUBDIVIDED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL LOTS APPROVED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IMPACT FEE WAIVERS.
IMPACT ON REGULATORY BARRIERS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	☑ Positive ☐ Negative ☐ Neutral
LAND USE / ZONING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT	☐ POSITIVE ☐ NEGATIVE ☑ NEUTRAL
IMPACT ON COST OF DEVELOPMENT	Under the current code the water and wastewater service connections are available to any single-family development within the urban watershed that meets the re-subdivision requirements. While the amendment will expand the geographical area covered by the Austin Water Utility provided wastewater service connections to be city-wide, the code amendment will limit this benefit to only affordable housing eligible for the impact fee waiver under section 25-9-347 of the city code. Currently the connections are available to any single-family re-subdivision within the urban watershed. The proposed amendment will ensure that there is no adverse effect on the cost of development for certified affordable housing.
IMPACT ON PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING	POSITIVE NEGATIVE NEUTRAL THE EXPANSION OF THIS SERVICE COULD PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL UNITS THROUGH THE S.M.A.R.T. HOUSING PROGRAM.
PROPOSED CHANGES IMPACTING HOUSING AFFORDABILITY:	

ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGE TO MAXIMIZE AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES:	N/A
OTHER HOUSING POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:	
DATE PREPARED:	OCTOBER 9, 2014
DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	