

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

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| Austin City Council | <b>Item ID</b> | 49960 | <b>Agenda Number</b> | 14. |
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| <b>Meeting Date:</b> | 9/10/2015 | <b>Department:</b> | Watershed Protection |
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**Subject**

Approve third reading of an ordinance regarding floodplain variances for the construction of an addition to an existing single family residence at 7054 Comanche Trail, which is located in the 100-year floodplain of Lake Travis (District 6). (THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS ITEM WAS HELD AND CLOSED ON AUGUST 20, 2015)

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

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

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| <b>Purchasing Language:</b>                             |  |
| <b>Prior Council Action:</b>                            | August 20, 2015 - Council conducted a public hearing and approved an ordinance on first reading;<br>September 1, 2015 - Council approved an ordinance on second reading. |
| <b>For More Information:</b>                            | Kevin Shunk, 512-974-9176; Jose Guerrero, 512-974-3386   |
| <b>Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:</b> |  |
| <b>MBE / WBE:</b>                                       |  |
| <b>Related Items:</b>                                   |  |

**Additional Backup Information**

The property owner proposes to construct a 440 square foot addition to an existing 3,235 square foot single family residence. The existing house and the proposed addition encroach on the 100-year floodplain of Lake Travis. The development is the subject of Building Permit application number: 2014-137060 PR.

The owner is seeking variances to the City of Austin's floodplain management regulations to: 1) construct the finished floor elevation of the addition less than one foot above the 100-year floodplain elevation; 2) not provide normal access from the building to an area that is a minimum of one foot above the design flood elevation; 3) alter the existing building in a way that increases its nonconformity with the floodplain regulations; 4) exclude the building footprint from the required drainage easement; and 5) encroach on the 100-year floodplain with a proposed building addition.

The finished floor elevation of the existing building is at 720.9 feet. The finished floor elevation of the proposed addition is 722.0 feet. The 100-year flood elevation on Lake Travis is 722.0 feet. During a 100-year flood event, the depth of water at the house will be a minimum of 1.4 feet.

**THE WATERSHED PROTECTION DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF THIS VARIANCE REQUEST.**