



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20220518 003a

Date: May 18, 2022

Subject: Proposed changes to the Land Development Code § 25-7-93 and 25-7-96 to include a commercial redevelopment exception

Motion by: Jennifer Bristol

Seconded by: Kevin Ramberg

RATIONALE:

WHEREAS, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration completed a study of historical rainfall for Texas in 2018 called Atlas 14 that showed that the Austin area is experiencing heavier rainfall more frequently and that the probability of severe flooding is greater than previously realized.

WHEREAS, in response, the City of Austin revised its floodplain regulations and adopted interim floodplain maps until a citywide floodplain study could be completed. As part of the revised floodplain regulations, a Residential Redevelopment Exception was created, among other items, to promote redevelopment that reduces flood risk for development residential properties.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Commission recognizes the City staff are requesting changes to Land Development Code § 25-7-93 and § 25-7-96 to promote flood risk reduction when redeveloping commercial properties.

THEREFORE, the Environmental Commission recommends the proposed changes to Land Development Code § 25-7-93 and § 25-7-96 with the following Environmental Commission Conditions:

Environmental Commission Conditions:

- Continue to inform the public through outreach and public comment events
- Include the high hazard maps for those outreach events.

VOTE: 9-2

For: Qureshi, Schiera, Ramberg, Bristol, Barrett Bixler, Aguirre, Thompson, Bedford, and Nickells

Against: Brimer and Scott

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

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Kevin Ramberg, Environmental Commission Chair