



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2247, Agenda Item #: 37.

6/16/2022

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance expanding an existing slow - no wake navigation control zone on Lake Austin and creating an offense.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action

On February 6, 2020, Council approved Ordinance No. 20200206-012 which created two slow - no wake navigation control zones on Lake Austin, and created an offense. Item approved on a 10-0 vote with Council Member Casar off the dais.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

The proposed ordinance will expand the current slow - no wake navigational control zone around and under the Pennybacker Bridge. The Austin Police Department recommends enlarging the existing slow - no wake to improve public safety. The area of the expanded zone includes the entrance to a popular cove or creek where many users of Lake Austin congregate. Expanding the zone to this area will calm boat traffic and reduce the risk of a dangerous collision. The expanded zone will be clearly marked with buoys deployed by the Lower Colorado River Authority. The navigation control zone will be enforced by the Austin Police Department. Violators will be charged with a Class C misdemeanor.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.