



Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-2815, Agenda Item #: 58.

9/15/2022

Posting Language

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance regarding amendments to City Code Title 25 related to environmental, drainage, landscape, and site plan requirements. (Suggested date: September 29, 2022, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.).

Lead Department

Watershed Protection Department.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

June 9, 2022 - City Council approved Resolution No. 20220609-061, initiating amendments to Title 25 related to environmental, drainage, landscape, and site plan requirements.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

August 17, 2022 - Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee discussed the proposed ordinance and took no action.

September 7, 2022 - Scheduled to go before the Environmental Commission.

September 13, 2022 - Scheduled to go before the Planning Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

This ordinance is in response to Council resolution 20220609-061 that directed staff to bring forth an ordinance with amendments to Title 25 related to environmental, drainage, landscape, and site plan requirements. The initiated code amendments included criteria for requiring green storm water controls, Functional Green landscape requirements, equitable wetland protections on Lady Bird Lake, parking lot stormwater conveyance requirements, enhanced utility line and utility easement requirements in Critical Water Quality Zones, prohibition of in-channel detention ponds except for capital projects or private/public partnerships, and other changes that were previously identified through the Land Development Code revision process. Additionally, enhanced erosion hazard zone and waterway setback protections for the Colorado River downstream from Longhorn Dam are proposed.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Health and Environment; Safety; Economic Opportunity and Affordability.