

## Zoning and Platting Commission Resolution

**Whereas**, the Austin City Council passed Resolution [20220609-061](#) “relating to environmental protections and water quality”; and

**Whereas**, the City Council directed the City Manager “to address the equitable protection of the environment throughout the City of Austin as part of the Watershed Protection Strategic Plan”; and

**Whereas**, the proposed regulations include green stormwater infrastructure and functional green to lessen the heat island effect and provide other benefits; and

**Whereas**, the proposed regulations lessen environmental reviews for some projects including water quality controls, critical environmental features, construction on slopes and watershed impervious cover limits; and

**Whereas**, the City of Austin Zoning and Platting Commission welcomes improved environmental protections and water quality throughout the entire City.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that the Zoning and Platting Commission encourages the Austin City Council to approve C20-2022-005a, Land Development Code Amendments with the following changes:

- All Functional Green requirements will be deferred until such time as the Environmental Criteria Manual is updated to reflect the appropriate Criteria;
  - Once the Affordability impact is determined any negative aspects will be counter balanced with incentives to ensure that there is no negative financial impact of these new requirements;
  - Allow boat dock access to remain within 50’ of the Lake as it relates to items 25-8-25 (B)(2), 25-8-27 (D)(2)
  - Under Section 25-8-64(E) for lots that cannot this criteria a mechanism to allow smaller units will be developed
  - Remove 25-8-213(A)(1) proposed changes
  - Remove 25-8-282(B) and (C) proposed deletions and leave section as currently written
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- ~~• Clarify that the impervious cover limit in § 15-5-3 (B)(13)(b) is the impervious cover allowed by the zoning or 55%, whichever is less, and~~
  - ~~• Retain environmental reviews including water quality controls for projects that currently require them; and~~

**Be it further resolved** that the following directions from the Council resolution be completed as soon as possible:

- Require the environmental staff to work with Austin's Equity Office to address inequities created by different rules for the Desired Development Zone and Critical Water Quality Zones such as Barton Springs; and
- ~~Require that all subdivisions and site plans in Urban Watersheds meet steep slope pre~~
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- ~~Require new and redeveloped projects to use greenfield conditions as a baseline when calculating drainage requirements~~