



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Katie Coyne, AICP, Certified Ecologist – ESA  
Environmental Officer / Assistant Director  
Watershed Protection Department

**THROUGH:** Rey Arellano, Assistant City Manager

**DATE:** September 27, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Phase 1 Environmental Code Amendment Response to Resolution #20220609-061

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The purpose of this memorandum is to request a postponement of Item 70 on the September 29, 2022 Council Agenda to conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 related to environmental, drainage, landscape, and site plan requirements to October 13, 2022. This postponement request is due to the following reasons:

- The Planning Commission is scheduled to take action on the ordinance on September 27, 2022, which does not give staff sufficient time to consider any of their recommendations prior to the scheduled public hearing.
- Housing and Planning staff, working with WPD staff, requested additional time to analyze impacts to affordability on the proposed code amendments and complete the Affordability Impact Statement.
- Additional time is necessary to ensure that Austin Water and Watershed Protection staff are aligned related to code changes associated with utility lines.

Sincerely,

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City of Austin Environmental Officer / Assistant Director, Watershed Protection Department

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager  
Jorge Morales, P.E., CFM, Director, Watershed Protection Department