

City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 22-3253, Agenda Item #: 48.

10/13/2022

Posting Language:

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Title 25 relating to environmental, drainage, landscape, and site plan requirements.

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 6, 2022 - Zoning and Platting Commission discussed the proposed ordinance and took no action.

September 7, 2022 - Environmental Commission discussed the proposed ordinance and postponed consideration until September 21, 2022.

September 13, 2022 - Planning Commission postponed the item to September 27, 2022.

September 20, 2022 - Scheduled to return to the Zoning and Platting Commission.

September 21, 2022 - Scheduled to return to the Environmental Commission.

September 27, 2022 - Scheduled to return to the Planning Commission.

Additional Backup Information:

This ordinance is in response to Council Resolution No. 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, 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.