



**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MOTION 20230503-006a**

**Date:** May 3, 2023

**Subject:** C20-2022-019 Site Specific SOS amendment and related variances

**Motion by:** Jennifer Bristol

**Seconded by:** Rick Brimer

**RATIONAL:**

**WHEREAS**, On October 27, 2022, City Council approved Resolution No. 20221027-038 to initiate variances and amendments to the Land Development Code, including site-specific amendments to Chapter 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 13 (Save Our Springs Initiative), as minimally required to address proposed improvements to the mobility and transportation infrastructure located along Slaughter Lane from Loop 1 (MoPac) to 650 feet east of Brodie Lane and return to Council with the proposed variances and amendments as soon as is feasible.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin is asking to Amend the Land Development Code to the (Tree and Natural Area Protection; Endangered Species) of the Land Development Code as minimally required to construct the Slaughter Lane Improvement Project from Loop 1 (MOPAC) to East of Brodie Lane, SP-2022-0336D and;

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes the site is located in the Edwards Aquifer portion of the Barton Springs Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment and associated variances pertaining to the heritage tree.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission recommends the Site-Specific SOS amendment to remove the heritage tree.

**COMMISSION CONDITIONS:**

- Harvest acorns from the trees that will be removed to be cultivated to be replanted within the project zone or within the area on public land.
- Increase the number of live oaks planted in the area to reflect the live oaks lost for the project.

**VOTE 9-0**

For: Qureshi, Scott, Krueger, Schiera, Ramberg, Bristol, Cofer, Nickells, and Sullivan

Against: Brimer

Abstain: none

Recuse: none

Absent: none

Approved By:

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Kevin Ramberg, Environmental Commission Chair



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**Seconded by:** Kevin Ramberg

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin is asking to Amend the Land Development Code (LDC) 25-8 Article 13 Save Our Springs Initiative and related variances to Chapter 25-8 Subchapters A (Water Quality).

**WHEREAS**, the Environmental Commission recognizes the site is located in the Edwards Aquifer portion of the Barton Springs Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff recommends approval of the proposed amendment and associated variances for the following reasons:

- The project is providing compliance with SOS non-degradation water quality treatment for all new and reconstructed impervious cover.
- The project is providing improved water quality treatment for all existing impervious cover.
- The project is updating 2 existing water quality ponds to provide SOS non-degradation water quality treatment for 121.6 acres of offsite drainage including 31.9 acres of offsite impervious cover.

- The project will reduce impact to 2 Critical Environmental Features – recharge features within a tributary of Slaughter Creek
- The project will pay into the Riparian Zone Mitigation Fund in lieu of providing mitigation for the Floodplain Modification associated with the new water quality ponds.
- Other than the SOS amendment and variances identified, the project complies with City Code.

**THEREFORE**, the Environmental Commission recommends the Site-Specific Save Our Springs amendment.

**VOTE 10-0**

For: Ramberg, Bristol, Brimer, Cofer, Krueger, Nickells, Qureshi, Schiera, Scott, Sullivan

Against: None

Abstain: None

Recuse: None

Absent: None

Approved By:

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Kevin Ramberg, Environmental Commission Chair