



## Recommendation for Action

**File #: 23-1877, Agenda Item #: 52.**

**5/18/2023**

### **Posting Language**

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance granting a site-specific amendment to City Code Section 25-8-514, granting variances to City Code Sections 25-8-364 and 25-8-641, and waiving requirements of City Code Section 25-8-41 to allow construction of the Slaughter Lane Improvement Project from Loop 1 (MoPac) to 650 feet east of Brodie Lane, located at 5015 ½ West Slaughter Lane (SP-2022- 0336D). This action requires a site-specific amendment to the Save Our Springs Initiative and concerns property located in the Barton Springs Zone. (Suggested date: June 1, 2023, at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street)

### **Lead Department**

Watershed Protection Department.

### **Prior Council Action:**

October 27, 2022 - City Council approved Resolution No. 20221027-038 initiating site-specific variances and amendments to the Land Development Code 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.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:**

May 2, 2023 - Considered by the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee without recommendation, 3-0-1.

May 3, 2023 - Amendment to 25-8-514 and variance to 25-8-364 approved by the Environmental Commission on a 10-0 vote. Variance to 25-8-641 approved by the Environmental commission on a 9-1 vote.

May 9, 2023 - To be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

This agenda item sets a public hearing date of June 1, 2023, to consider approval of site-specific amendments to the Land Development Code Chapter 25-8 (*Environment*) to allow for the construction of the Slaughter Lane Improvement Project at 5015 ½ West Slaughter Lane (SP-2022-0336D). This action includes amendment Chapter 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 13 (*Save Our Springs Initiative*).

In response to Resolution No. 20221027-038, staff has prepared a draft ordinance amending certain provisions of the Land Development Code to allow for the construction of the Slaughter Lane Improvement Project from Loop 1 (MoPac) to 650 feet east of Brodie Lane. The draft ordinance represents the minimum departure from environmental requirements of the Land Development Code to allow for the development of these critical mobility and safety improvements.

The Slaughter Lane Improvement Project from Loop 1 (MoPac) to 650 feet east of Brodie Lane is located within both the Williamson Creek and Slaughter Creek watersheds within the Barton Springs Zone (BSZ)

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defined by the City. Without an amendment to the Save Our Springs Initiative, these critical mobility and safety improvements may not be developed as there would be no allowable additional impervious cover. The Save Our Springs Initiative restricts impervious cover in this area to 15% of the net site area.

The site-specific code amendment would allow the Slaughter Lane Improvement Project from Loop 1 (MoPac) to 650 feet east of Brodie Lane, SP-2022-0336D, to exceed maximum impervious cover limits set out in City Code Section 25-8-514 of the Save Our Springs Initiative. The amendment will also allow the project to modify the floodplain as set out in City Code Section 25-8-364 (B)(3) and remove a heritage tree as set out in City Code section 25-8-641. Per City Code Section 25-8-512, approval of this site-specific code amendment requires an affirmative vote of a three-quarters majority of council.