





MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

THROUGH: Robert Goode, Assistant City Manager 

FROM: Jorge L. Morales, P.E., CFM, Director, Watershed Protection Department 

DATE: April 2, 2024

SUBJECT: **Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail Land Development Code Amendments (Resolution No. 20230518-044)**

On May 18, 2023, Council approved [Resolution No. 20230518-044](#), to initiate amendments to Land Development Code (LDC) Title 25 to allow the Ann and Roy Butler Hike and Bike Trail (Butler Trail) to remain within the setbacks applicable to Lady Bird Lake, and to allow necessary capital improvements to the Butler Trail to comply with the recommendations from the 2015 Butler Trail Urban Forestry and Natural Area Management Guidelines, the maintenance standards of care listed in the Butler Trail Parklands Operations and Maintenance Agreement (POMA), and the recommendations provided in the Butler Trail Safety and Mobility Study.

On March 7, 2024, the City Council approved [Ordinance No. 20240307-036](#), to amend LDC 25-8-261, Critical Water Quality Zone Development, to accommodate the current Butler Trail alignment and width while continuing to provide protection to the shoreline through restoration and improvements to the health of the floodplain.

The Ordinance amended three components of LDC 25-8-261 Critical Water Quality Zone Development, as follows:

- 25-8-261 (B)(3)(c) to allow the Butler Trail to exceed 12 feet width
- 25-8-261 (B)(3)(f-g) to allow the Butler Trail to be located within 50 feet of the shoreline of Lady Bird Lake with restoration provided for impact associated with capital improvements and reconstruction of the trail.
- 25-8-261 (C)(2) to remove the requirement for additional restoration for shoreline disturbance associated with the Butler Trail.

If you have questions about the ordinance, please contact Watershed Protection Department staff Liz Johnston, 512 974-2619 or Leslie Lilly, 512-535-8914.

cc: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager