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I am alarmed at flooding that might occur because of the proposed HOME ordinance.

If I understand the ordinance correctly, it will affect impervious cover in 2 ways. First, it will encourage increased buildout and impervious cover on existing lots. Second, it will allow increased impervious cover on small lots.

Austin is in "flash-flood alley." Torrential rains that sometimes fall here endanger about 24,000 Austin properties in flood plains. Increasing impervious cover will only enlarge these flood plains.

HOME will also create more lot-to-lot flooding caused by new buildings on lots with poor drainage. I personally know people in Austin whose homes have been flooded because of drainage uphill from them.

You cannot argue with a flood. Ignoring this danger for the sake of increased density will trade one problem for another.

Sincerely,

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