

AGENDA



Thursday, February 14, 2008

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 60**

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Sections 25-8-92 and 30-5-92 of the City Code relating to Critical Water Quality Zones along the shorelines of the Colorado River downstream of Town Lake.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Environmental Board and the Planning Commission Codes & Ordinances Subcommittee. To be reviewed by the Planning Commission on February 12, 2008. (Suggested date and time: February 28, 2008, 6:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX.)

Prior Council Action: City Council adopted Resolution No. 20071213-061 on December 13, 2007.

Currently, Critical Water Quality Zones for the Colorado River are measured from the “stream centerline” and extend landward 200 to 400 feet. However, this method results in a portion of the buffer remaining in open water while the portion of the buffer on land may only be a fraction of its intended width.

The proposed ordinance moves the starting point of the buffer to the bank’s edge (“ordinary high water mark”) and thereby ensures the full buffer width is on land, as intended.