Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) Item No. 75

RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 25-5 to require approval of non-City water and wastewater utilities during site plan approval. (Suggested date and time: October 22, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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Boards and Commission Action: Recommended by the Planning Commission. To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on October 14, 2009.

Section 25-4-196 of the Austin City Code requires a subdivision that is to receive retail water or wastewater service from an entity other than the Austin Water Utility to comply with requirements of the Utilities Criteria Manual. There is no such requirement in Chapter 25-5 of the Austin City Code relating to site plan approval. Section 552.001 (d) of the Local Government Code allows municipal utilities to prescribe the necessary rules concerning the provision of water and wastewater inside or outside the municipality.

The Austin Water Utility wishes to modify the applicable section of the Austin City Code to require that a site plan for property that is to receive retail water or wastewater service from an entity other than the Austin Water Utility comply with requirements of the Utilities Criteria Manual. This modification will assist in ensuring that infrastructure within the City’s corporate limits and extraterritorial jurisdiction, regardless of the water or wastewater service provider, is constructed to City standards including the provision of adequate fire protection.