

AGENDA



Thursday, April 22, 2010

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 48**

Subject: Set a public hearing to consider second/third readings of an ordinance repealing and replacing Article 6 of City Code Chapter 25-12 to adopt the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code and local amendments. (Suggested date and time: May 27, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second St., Austin, TX).

For More Information: Dan McNabb, 974-2752; Leon Barba 974-7254; Sylvia Arzola, 974-6448.

Prior Council Action: October 18, 2007 - City Council adopted the amended 2003 regulations regarding water conservation, permitting, reclaimed water systems, and gas piping.
March 11, 2010 - City Council set the public hearing for April 8, 2010.
April 8, 2010 - City Council approved ordinance on first reading.

On April 8, 2010, the City Council approved first reading of an ordinance to adopt the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code and local amendments. Council continued the public hearing to allow for additional consideration of proposed revisions related to reactivation of expired building permits.

The Uniform Plumbing Code establishes minimum requirements to provide safe and sanitary plumbing systems for the protection of public health and welfare.

The proposed amendments include water conservation initiatives mandated by the State of Texas for plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems. It also provides many allowances and regulations for uses of auxiliary waters such as gray water, reclaimed water, rainwater harvesting and condensate.

The proposed ordinance will be amended to address the following:

a) New water saving requirements for residential uses; b) New water saving requirements for commercial uses; c) New auxiliary water allowances and regulations for their uses for both residential and commercial applications.

The proposed ordinance will also remove the requirement for a fee to be paid by a Master Plumber at the time of a license registration as mandated by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

The proposed Plumbing Ordinance addresses the use of an auxiliary water system, allows for a variety of different water savings opportunities along with cross connection control requirements for the protection of the potable water supply and the citizens that we serve.