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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	9448	Agenda Number	85.
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Meeting Date:	9/22/2011	Department:	Planning and Development Review
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Article 6 of Chapter 25-12-153 (Plumbing Code) of the City Code to amend local amendments.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	October 1, 2010: Council adopted the 2009 Plumbing Code, as well as local amendments.
For More Information:	Dan McNabb, 974-2752; Rick Holloway, 974-2358; Leon Barba 974-7254.
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Mechanical Plumbing and Solar Board.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The Uniform Plumbing Code provides a national standard for plumbing installations. The proposed ordinance amends the currently adopted local amendments to create consistency within the technical codes and to improve water conservation and create a positive environmental impact.

Highlights of the local amendments include:

- Creating consistency with installation of water heaters.
- Adding an exception for the installation of hose bibbs on rain water.
- Prohibiting the use of potable water for once through cooling of commercial equipment.
- Elevator discharge containment system for improved environmental protection.
- Requiring self closing metered faucets to improve water conservation.
- Water closets average consumption of water of a maximum of 1.28 per flush.

These changes in the Local Amendments have no impact on housing affordability.