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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council

Item ID

27132

Agenda Number

10.

Meeting Date:

10/3/2013

Department:

Health and Human Services

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 10-7 (Pools and Spas), to establish regulations and permitting requirements for Public Interactive Water Features and Fountains.

Amount and Source of Funding

There is no anticipated fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note

**Purchasing
Language:**

**Prior Council
Action:**

**For More
Information:**

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**Boards and
Commission
Action:**

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

Public Interactive Water Features and Fountains (PIWFFs, also known as “splash pads”)

The City of Austin has seen an increase in the public and private construction and use of these types of facilities. In 2009 the Texas Health and Safety Code was revised to include PIWFFs in the Chapter 341 regulations of pools and spas. In 2010, the Texas Administrative Code Chapter 265, Subchapter M, Rule 265.306 was established to provide rules and criteria for the operation of these facilities.

The Environmental Health Services Division is proposing revisions and additions to the City of Austin Code 10-7 to provide for the plan review, permitting, inspection and investigation of these PIWFFs. Because of the nature of the physical construction and use of these facilities, there is a higher degree of risk for disease transmission and therefore risk to public health.

Currently there are approximately 25-30 public and privately operated interactive water features in use in the City of Austin. The addition of this number of facilities to the existing pool/spa permitting and inspection program will not require additional staffing at this time.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance Measures will not change since this permitting activity will be incorporated into the existing pool/spa program.