AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	**Item ID**	31415	**Agenda Number**	60.
Meeting Date:	3/20/2014	**Department:**	Watershed Protection	

Subject

Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 25-2 to create a Lake Austin (LA) District Zoning overlay extending environmental protections from the LA base zoning district to all properties within 1,000 feet of Lake Austin. (Suggested date and time: April 17, 2014, 4:00 p.m. at Austin City Hall, 301 West Second Street, Austin, TX.) Related to Item # 61.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

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

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	August 29, 2013 - Council passed Resolution No. 20130829-113 directing the City Manager to process code amendments necessary to create a Lake Austin (LA) District zoning overlay that would apply to all property within 1,000 feet of Lake Austin and preserve the environmental protections of the LA District regardless of the zoning for individual parcels.
For More Information:	Chuck Lesniak, Watershed Protection, (512) 974-2699
Boards and Commission Action:	March 25, 2014 – To be reviewed by the Planning Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The proposed ordinance amends Chapter 25-2 to create a new Lake Austin (LA) District zoning overlay that would apply to all property within 1,000 feet of Lake Austin and preserve the environmental protections of the LA District regardless of the zoning of the individual parcels. The ordinance was developed in response to Council Resolution 20130829-113 directing staff to implement in part recommendations from the Lake Austin Task Force (http://www.austintexas.gov/latf) final report published in August 2013. The ordinance preserves the conditions of the current LA District except the front and side yard setbacks for which the setbacks of the base zoning would apply within the overlay.

The Lake Austin Task Force identified as a consensus recommendation the need to address the problem of homeowners exempting themselves from the environmental restrictions of the LA District by upzoning. Upzoning

created inconsistent development requirements between adjacent lakeshore property owners and lessened environmental protections necessary to preserve the quality of Austin's drinking water supply and a critical regional recreation resource. Please see the project website for more information and drafts of the ordinance as well as the complete schedule of proposed public meetings at: http://www.austintexas.gov/department/lake-austin-development-code-revisions