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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	32502	Agenda Number	60.
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Meeting Date:	5/15/2014	Department:	Watershed Protection
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and 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 certain properties within 1,000 feet of Lake Austin. Related to Item # 59.

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 approved 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:

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Boards and Commission Action:

February 19, 2014 – Recommended by the Environmental Board on a 6-1 vote with Board Member Walker absent (Recommendation No 20140319-005b).
April 8, 2014 – Approved by the Planning Commission on a vote of 7-1 with Commissioner Roark against and Commissioner Hernandez absent.

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.

Additional information can be found on the project website at: <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/lake-austindevelopment-code-revisions>.