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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	60237	Agenda Number	80.
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Meeting Date:	8/4/2016	Department:	Watershed Protection
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Subject

Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 15-2 relating to the drainage charge.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	June 25, 2015 - Council adopted Chapter 15-2, revising the structure of the Drainage Utility Fee (Ordinance No. 20150625-021).
For More Information:	Saul Nuccitelli, Watershed Protection Department, 512-974-6550
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The proposed amendments to Chapter 15-2 include:

- 1) Proposed code changes would authorize implementation of a discount program for any property that installs stormwater controls that exceed legal requirements. The discount could not exceed 50% of the property's impervious cover amount.
- 2) For properties with garage apartments or other secondary units, the proposed code changes would require the City to bill the entire drainage charge to the primary residence rather than splitting the bill between the secondary unit and primary residence.
- 3) The proposed code changes clarify language addressing exemptions from the drainage charge.

Cost for the proposed discount program is expected to be less than \$200,000 for the first year and not anticipated to alter proposed budgets or rates. There is no funding amount associated with the other two proposed changes, regarding garage apartments and exemptions, since modifying who receives the drainage charges in those cases is not expected to change the total annual revenue budgeted or received.