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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	71610	Agenda Number	102.
Meeting Date:	6/15/2017	Department:	Watershed Protection	

Subject

Conduct a public hearing to consider an ordinance amending City Code Section 25-1-21 (*Definitions*) and 30-1-21 (*Definitions*), amending City Code Chapter 25-2 relating to Planned Unit Development green building criteria, amending City Code Chapters 25-7 (*Drainage*) and 30-4 (*Drainage*), and amending City Code Chapters 25-8 (*Environment*) and 30-5 (*Environment*). This ordinance will amend Chapter 25-8, Subchapter A, Article 13 (*Save Our Springs Initiative*) and Chapter 30-5, Subchapter A, Article 13 (*Save Our Springs Initiative*). This action concerns land located within the Barton Springs Zone.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:

Prior Council Action:

For More Information:

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Council Committee,
Boards and
Commission Action:

May 3, 2017 - Recommended for approval by the Environmental Commission with a 6-0 vote.
May 17, 2017 - Recommended for approval by the Codes and Ordinances Joint Committee with a 5-0 vote, with direction that staff look into questions raised on several code sections.
May 23, 2017 - Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission with an 8-0 vote.

MBE / WBE:

Related Items:

Additional Backup Information

The Watershed Protection Department is proposing a set of code amendments to clarify and improve existing code requirements. The proposed code amendments included in this ordinance fall into three categories:

1. Watershed Protection Ordinance (WPO) clean-up amendments, which clarify requirements and correct inconsistencies resulting from the 2013 WPO;
2. Clarification of Land Use Commission findings of fact for variances to Chapters 25-8 and 30-5; and
3. Clarification of regulations applicable to agricultural activities.

The proposed amendments include the following changes to the Save Our Springs Initiative: (1) removing total organic carbon and fecal streptococci from the list of regulated pollutants, and (2) clarifying that that existing impervious cover exemption for roadway improvements applies only to the listed improvements, not all roadway projects, which was the intent of the 2013 WPO revisions. The proposed amendment also includes a minor clarification to the Barton Springs Zone Redevelopment Exception (Section 25-8-26).