



Public Safety Commission
Recommendation no. 20190603-005
Recommending Adoption of a Wildland Urban Interface Code

Date: June 3, 2019

Subject: Wildland Urban Interface Code and fund implementation

Motioned By: Commissioner Webber

Seconded By: Commissioner Nunez

Description of Recommendation to Council:

1. Whereas, on May 12, 2016, Council ordered development of a Wildland Urban Interface Code (Resolution No. 20160512-016),
2. Whereas, the Austin Fire Department has completed development of a proposed code that is based on the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code published by the International Code Council and is tailored to address the wildfire risk of the City of Austin, and
3. Whereas, the Austin Fire Department estimates it will cost \$1.5 million to implement the code including:
 - \$1.2 million for additional personnel (4 plan reviewers, 4 inspectors, 1 supervisor, and 1 Wildfire Compliance Specialist)
 - \$300,000 one-time costs
 - \$50,000 on-going operational costs
 - \$100,000 outreach and education costs

The Public Safety Commission recommends that City Council adopt a Wildland Urban Interface Code and fund implementation of the code.

Vote

For: 8

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2 (Commissioners Preston Tyree and Rebecca Bernhardt)

Attest: *[Staff or board member can sign]*

Janet Jackson

Janet Jackson, Board Liaison,
Austin Police Department