

Water Forward Code Amendments and Related City Council Resolutions



Water Forward Task Force
Meeting | June 15th , 2021

Resolution No. 20210520-063

- Directs the City Manager to consult with Austin Water staff and seek input from the Water Forward Task Force regarding the implementation of the below strategies:
 - Dual plumbing ordinance for new larger commercial and multifamily development
 - Expansion of current reclaimed water system connection requirements
 - Water benchmarking and budgeting for new development
 - Landscape transformation ordinances and incentive programs
 - Irrigation efficiency and incentive program
- Directs City Manager to Follow the Water Forward 2018 implementation plan
- Directs the City Manager to provide recommendations to mitigate the impacts to affordability of these strategies

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Next Steps

- Austin Water will plan an item for a future Water Forward Task Force meeting to seek Task Force input on implementation of specific Water Forward strategies



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- ♦ Initiates amendments to City Code Chapter to:
 1. Implement development project requirements for water benchmarking and water balance calculations;
 2. Implement mandatory onsite water reuse system requirement for large development projects; and
 3. Expand reclaimed water connection requirements.
- ♦ Initiates an ordinance waiving the requirements for Planning Commission review

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- Directs the City Manager to provide recommendations to mitigate the impacts to affordability of these new requirements
- Directs the City Manager to address flood protection needs along with water supply needs through stormwater and rainwater harvesting strategies in Water Forward



Next Steps

- ♦ On June 10th Council approved the waiver of Planning Commission Review for Water Forward LDC code amendments and set a public hearing to on July 29th to consider approving amendments establishing:
 - water benchmarking, expanding reclaimed water connection requirements and adding onsite reuse requirements.
- ♦ Austin Water will develop recommendations regarding affordability considerations
- ♦ Watershed Protection will provide input on flood mitigation considerations



Questions

