## Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s) RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 42

**Subject:** Set a public hearing to consider an ordinance regarding floodplain variances requested by Mr. George Mullins for an existing development that converted a garage into conditioned area at the existing single-family residence at 400 Heartwood Drive, which is partially in the 25-year floodplain and entirely in the 100-year floodplain of Williamson Creek. (Suggested date and time: June 24, 2010, 4:00 p.m., at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX).

Amount and Source of Funding: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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Mr. George Mullins proposes to validate development on his property for a residential remodel that converted the garage to conditioned space at the single-family residence at 400 Heartwood Drive. The property is partially within the 25-year floodplain and entirely within the 100-year floodplain of Williamson Creek. The development is the subject of Building Permit application number 2010-025143 PR.

The development included converting approximately 317 square feet of garage area into conditioned space. The applicant seeks variances to the City of Austin's floodplain management regulations to: 1) alter the structure in a way which increases its nonconformity; 2) not provide normal access from the building to an area that is a minimum of one foot above the design flood elevation; 3) not require the finished flood elevation of the converted area to be one foot above the design flood elevation; and 4) to exclude the building footprint from the drainage easement.

The depth of water at the curb of 400 Heartwood Drive is approximately 1.7 feet during the 100-year flood event. The depth of water at the existing house is approximately 0.3 feet during the 100-year flood event.