

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting : February 15, 2018

Item Number: 018

Parks and Recreation

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 8-5 to give the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department authority to ban commercial boating on, or recreational use of Bull Creek or Barton Creek during floods, or in anticipation of flood conditions, and changing posting requirements for waterway bans.

Lead Department	Parks and Recreation Department
Fiscal Note	This item has no fiscal impact.
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Additional Backup Information:

Currently, the Fire Chief is the only authority permitted to ban activity on the City's waterways. This code amendment will allow the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department to ban commercial boating on, or recreational use of all, or a part of, Bull Creek or Barton Creek after determining that flooding is occurring or likely to occur.

The code amendment will also change the posting requirements for waterway bans. The amended code will make a waterway ban effective once posted to the City's website, rather than when the ban is posted at city hall. In addition, bans will no longer need to be published in a newspaper of city-wide circulation. Copies of a waterway ban must continue to be provided to local radio and television stations.

