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Posting Language
Conduct a public hearing to consider an ordinance authorizing an amendment to the individual Land Development Standards agreements with Eanes, Round Rock, Del Valle, Pflugerville, and Leander Independent School Districts extending the expiration of the agreements by a period of two years.

Lead Department
Development Services Department

Fiscal Note
This item has no fiscal impact.

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:
September 10, 2019 - To be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Additional Backup Information:
Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code § 212.902, the purpose of the Land Development Standards Agreements between the City of Austin and the Independent School Districts (ISD’s) - Del Valle, Eanes, Leander, Pflugerville, and Round Rock ISD’s - is to establish consistent land development standards and review procedures and review periods for public educational facilities constructed by the various ISD’s within the City’s corporate limits, limited purpose jurisdiction, or extraterritorial jurisdiction, as appropriate. In establishing the original Agreements, it was the intent of the governing bodies of the City and the ISD’s to enable the ISD’s to conduct long range funding and construction planning by relying on the development standards and terms set forth in the Agreements. In doing so, the goal was to provide cost-effective education as well as citizen and child safety to the tax payers of the ISD’s and the City. Further, the standards and procedures, to the greatest extent possible, minimized fees, review fees and review periods by the City and minimized, to the greatest extent possible, the associated operational costs to the City. By entering into the Agreements, the parties sought to establish regular communication and maintain a cooperative working relationship with the goal of enhancing public education through consistent development standards and reasonable charges for City services.

The current interlocal agreements between the City of Austin and the Eanes, Round Rock, Del Valle, Pflugerville, and Leander Independent School Districts are set to expire prior to October 1, 2019. These five school districts have requested that the City of Austin extend the term of these agreements by a period of two (2) years. The extension of these agreements will allow the City to complete the Land Development Code rewrite prior to undertaking and effort to refresh and update the agreements with each district.