




## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Adler and Council Members

Thru: J. Rodney Gonzales  
Assistant City Manager

From: Denise Lucas, Director   
Development Services Department

Date: April 19, 2021

Subject: Winter Weather Event (Winter Storm Uri) Fee Waivers Extension

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On February 25, 2021, City Council passed two Ordinances, No. 20210225-004 and No. 20210225-005, waiving residential permitting and development fees related to repairing or reconstructing structures, and removing trees and tree limbs damaged as a result of winter weather event, and certain plumbing permit requirements. On March 4, 2021 Ordinance No. 20210304-030 extended the fee waiver to multi-family structures. The ordinances expired on March 31, 2021 and are in response to Winter Storm Uri which imposed widespread and severe property damage due.

The Development Services Department (DSD) continues to receive fee waiver requests for repairs due to Winter Storm Uri. DSD is recommending a new ordinance to ratify waivers issued beyond March 31<sup>st</sup> and to extend the expiration of the fee waivers until June 1, 2021.

Through the previously approved ordinances, DSD processed approximately 350 waiver requests totaling approximately \$14,000. DSD forecasts the new ordinance will result in an additional \$40,000 of waived fees.

Should you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [denise.lucas@austintexas.gov](mailto:denise.lucas@austintexas.gov) or 512-974-2614.

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