

WHEREAS, the Water Forward plan includes strategies to make use of all water, including rainwater, stormwater, in addition to wastewater, that can be treated and reused to meet non-drinking water demands.

WHEREAS, the Water Forward plan recommends immediate work to develop ordinances to require that new larger commercial and multifamily buildings use alternative water generated on-site.

WHEREAS, the Watershed Protection Department has a long history of water quality protection and sustainable water resource management through reducing the impact of flood, erosion, and water pollution in addition to developing green stormwater proposed ordinance requirements to explore opportunities to gain multiple beneficial uses of stormwater management strategies.

WHEREAS, proposed Land Development Code redevelopment requirements regarding stormwater management would address an important source of existing flooding: older commercial, industrial, and multifamily developments that lack adequate provisions for managing stormwater.

WHEREAS, proposed Land Development Code redevelopment requirements would directly address drainage problems from older properties, and new development and redevelopment would thus be held to the same drainage standards.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN

That the City Manager is directed to address the increased need for flood protection along with water supply needs through;

- The “Alternative Water Ordinance and Incentives” option in Water Forward meant to target new ordinances and incentives aimed at use of these alternative water supplies, which would support stormwater management onsite;
- Examination of implementation issues for community stormwater harvesting; And
- Assessment of existing needs for rainwater harvesting at multi-family sites.