



Recommendation for Action

File #: 21-2192, Agenda Item #: 4.

6/10/2021

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance waiving the requirement in City Code Section 25-1-502 (Amendment Review) for Planning Commission review of Land Development Code amendments to expedite implementation of water conservation strategies in the Water Forward Plan.

Lead Department

Austin Water.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

November 29, 2018 - City Council approved the Water Forward Plan on a 10-0 vote.

December 11, 2019 - City Council approved an ordinance on first reading adopting a comprehensive revision to the Land Development Code on a 7-4 vote.

February 13, 2020 - City Council approved an ordinance on second reading adopting a comprehensive revision to the Land Development Code on a 7-4 vote.

May 20, 2021 - City Council adopted a resolution directing staff to seek a waiver of Planning Commission review of Land Development Code amendments in order to expedite implementation of water conservation strategies in the Water Forward Plan, on an 11-0 vote.

For More Information:

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

November 12, 2019 - Planning Commission adopted Planning Commission LDC amendments.

Additional Backup Information:

City Council adopted a resolution on May 20, 2021 directing staff to seek a waiver of Planning Commission review of Land Development Code amendments in order to expedite implementation of water conservation strategies in the Water Forward Plan. This action is seeking that waiver.

The proposed Land Development Code amendments will establish water benchmarking, expand reclaimed water connection requirements and add onsite reuse requirements. These amendments were included in the proposed Land Development Code revisions recommended by the Planning Commission on November 12, 2019. They were also included in Land Development Code revisions that City Council approved on first reading on December 11, 2019 and on second reading on February 13, 2020.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Government that Works for All.