

PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENTS - July 2024			
NAME OF BOARD	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION PROVIDED BY THE COMMISSION	STAFF COMMENTS
Resource Management Commission	Edit Bylaws Article 2 (D) Purpose and Duties - to include an additional purpose to review and analyze: "issues concerning natural gas utilities in Austin, including fair and equitable rates and bills, energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, environmental issues related to utility system operation, assistance to low-income customers, progress on the natural gas related emissions reduction goals of the City of Austin’s Climate Equity Plan, and franchise negotiations."	There is no City Commission that advises Council on issues concerning natural gas utilities, including fair and equitable rates and fuel costs, assistance to low-income customers, progress on Austin’s Climate Equity Plan, and franchise negotiations. The Resource Management Commission requests that Council expand its purview to include these issues.	The Clerk's office would defer to Austin Energy and/or impacted departments regarding the feasibility of adding these additional roles to the Commission. If these proposed amendments are recommended for approval, an ordinance would be necessary to amend City Code § 2-1-168.
	Edit Bylaws Article 2 (E) Purpose and Duties - to include an additional item to advise city council: "natural gas utility matters, including: fair and equitable rates and bills that minimize consumer costs, cost-effective energy efficiency programs; cost-effective renewable energy programs; research and development of new technologies for energy efficiency and renewable energy; programs that reduce the burden on low-income households; gas utility progress on the City of Austin’s Climate Equity Plan; and renewal of franchises with natural gas utilities that improve the City’s financial position and align with the City’s community values."		
Joint Inclusion Commission	Edit Bylaws Article 3 (A) Membership - to include an additional representative from the Commission on Veterans Affairs	The JIC believes a full interpretation of this purpose should include veterans, as there are issues unique to that demographic. The JIC has reached out to the Commission on Veterans Affairs who were happy to be included.	Staff has no concerns with this amendment. If this proposed amendment is recommended for approval, an ordinance would be necessary to amend City Code § 2-1-204.