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1 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTIONS 25-1-21, 25-5-3, 25-5-112, AND 25-8-64 AND CREATING A NEW CITY CODE SECTION 25-7-67 TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION OF RESIDENTIAL INFILL PROJECT FOR RESIDENTIAL RE-SUBDIVISIONS FOR PROPERTY ZONED SF-1, SF-2, AND SF-3 AND FOR MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL SITE DEVELOPMENT OF FIVE TO SIXTEEN UNITS; TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF SMALL PROJECTS TO INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL INFILL PROJECTS; TO REQUIRE THE RELEASE OF SITE PLAN APPLICATIONS FOR RESIDENTIAL INFILL PROJECTS WITHIN A DEFINED TIMEFRAME; TO CREATE DRAINAGE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO RESIDENTIAL INFILL PROJECTS; AND TO MODIFY IMPERVIOUS COVER ASSUMPTIONS.

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

- **PART 1.** City Code Section 25-1-21(*Definitions*) is amended to add a new definition of "Residential Infill Project" to read as follows and to renumber the remaining definitions accordingly.
- (96) RESIDENTIAL INFILL PROJECT means development of a site not exceeding 1.5 acres that consists of:
  - (a) five to sixteen dwelling units; or
  - (b) a re-subdivision on property zoned SF-1, SF-2, or SF-3.
- **PART 2.** Subsection (B) of City Code Section 25-5-3 (*Small Projects*) is amended to read:
- (B) The following are small projects:
  - (1) construction of a building or parking area if the proposed construction:
    - (a) does not require a variance from a water quality regulation;
    - (b) does not exceed 5,000 square feet of impervious cover; and
    - (c) the construction site does not exceed 10,000 square feet, including the following areas:
      - (i) construction;

31	(ii) clearing;
32	(iii) grading;
33	(iv) construction equipment access;
34	(v) driveway reconstruction;
35 36 37 38	<ul> <li>(vi) temporary installations, including portable buildings, construction trailers, storage areas for building materials, spoil disposal areas, erosion and sedimentation controls, and construction entrances;</li> </ul>
39	(vii) landscaping; and
40 41	(viii) other areas that the director determines are part of the construction site;
42 43	(2) construction of a storm sewer not more than 30 inches in diameter that is entirely in a public right-of-way or an easement;
44 45	(3) construction of a utility line not more than eight inches in diameter that is entirely in a public right-of-way;
46	(4) construction of a left turn lane on a divided arterial street;
47	(5) construction of street intersection improvements;
48 49	(6) widening a public street to provide a deceleration lane if additional right-of-way is not required;
50	(7) <u>a residential infill project that is not a re-subdivision;</u>
51 52 53	(8[7]) depositing less than two feet of earth fill, if the site is not in a 100-year floodplain and the fill is not to be deposited within the dripline of a protected tree;
54 55 56 57	(9[8]) construction of a boat dock as an accessory use to a single-family residential use, duplex residential use, two-family residential use, or secondary apartment special use if shoreline modification or dredging of not more than 25 cubic yards is not required; or
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- (10[9]) construction of a retaining wall, if the wall is less than 100 feet in length and less than eight feet in height, and the back fill does not reclaim a substantial amount of land except land that has eroded because of the failure of an existing retaining wall;
- (11[10]) minor development that the director determines is similar to that described in Subsections (B)(1) through (9) of this section;
- (12[11]) the replacement of development that is removed as a result of right-of-way condemnation; and
- (<u>13</u>[<del>12</del>]) the construction of a telecommunications tower described in Subsection 25-2-839(F) or (G) (*Telecommunication Towers*).
- **PART 3.** City Code Section 25-5-112 (*Director's Approval*) is amended to add a new subsection (E) to read:
- (E) If the standards in Subsection (A) are met, the director shall approve a site plan for residential infill projects in 90 days.
- **PART 4.** City Code Chapter 25-7 (*Drainage*) is amended to add a new Section 25-7-67 to read:

## § 25-7-67 MODIFIED DRAINAGE STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL INFILL.

- (A) An application for a residential infill project is not required to comply with Section 25-7-61 (*Criteria for Approval of Development Applications*), Section 25-7-151 (*Stormwater Conveyance and Drainage Facilities*), or Section 25-7-152 (*Dedication of Easements and Right-of-Way*) if the amount of impervious cover proposed on the site is equal to or less than:
  - (1) 45% for a residential infill project that is a re-subdivision on property zoned SF-1, SF-2, or SF-3; or
  - (2) 65% for all other residential infill projects.
- (B) An application for a residential infill project that proposes an amount of impervious cover that exceeds the percentages established under Subsection (A) must:
  - (1) provide infrastructure, studies, fees, or analyses to demonstrate the additional amount of impervious cover complies with Section 25-7-61

(Criteria for Approval of Development Applications), Section 25-7-151 (Stormwater Conveyance and Drainage Facilities), or Section 25-7-152 (Dedication of Easements and Right-of-Way) into right-of-way; or

- (2) provide a drainage plan demonstrating that all stormwater runoff from the additional impervious cover will be discharged:
  - (a) to an existing storm drainage system; or
  - (b) into the right-of-way and deposit with the City a nonrefundable cash payment, based on a formula approved by Council with recommendations from the Director.
- (C) The director shall deposit a payment made under Subsection (B) in the Residential Infill Drainage Fund.
- (D) A Residential Infill Drainage Fund is established for use in the design and construction of local flood solutions.
- (E) An application for a residential infill project must demonstrate all proposed improvements will be outside the erosion hazard zone, unless protective works are provided as prescribed in the Drainage Criteria Manual.
- (F) The owner of real property proposed to be developed shall provide an easement for stormwater flow to the limits of the 100-year floodplain, as prescribed in the Drainage Criteria Manual.

## **PART 5.** Subsection (B) of City Code Section 25-8-64 (*Impervious Cover Assumptions*) is amended to read:

- (B) Except as provided in Subsection (C):
  - (1) for each lot greater than three acres in size, 10,000 square feet of impervious cover is assumed.
  - (2) for each lot greater than one acre and not more than three acres in size, 7,000 square feet of impervious cover is assumed;
  - (3) for each lot greater than 15,000 square feet and not more than one acre in size, 5,000 square feet of impervious cover is assumed;