

RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL REGARDING FLOOD MITIGATION

WHEREAS, The neighborhoods along Onion Creek, Williamson Creek, Shoal Creek, Walnut Creek and Bull Creek have all experienced flooding in the past several years; and

WHEREAS, continuing development has increased the potential for flooding and expanded the floodplain; and

WHEREAS, destructive floods that cause the loss of both life and property can occur anywhere previously approved development has occurred in the current or redefined 100-year floodplain; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Austin Neighborhoods Council requests that the City Council appropriate sufficient resources to:

1. Reduce the number of variances granted for impervious cover, detention ponds, and watershed restrictions for new developments within the city limits and also the Extra-territorial Jurisdiction areas. Any variances granted should have a corresponding Regional Storm Water Management Project. Fee-in-lieu funds should be used for flood mitigation projects.
2. Direct City of Austin staff to work with other Central Texas counties and agencies to plan flood abatement projects.
3. Use residential and commercial drainage fees to fund flood abatement projects and to supplement federal funding to remove highest risk residents from the flood plain through buyout programs that comply with Uniform Relocation Act standards. Make drainage fees and fee-in-lieu funds available for review on the City of Austin website.
4. Direct the Watershed Protection Department, the Parks Department, and the Public Works Department to remove the obstructions created by flood debris in a timely manner.
5. Work with other cities to enact state legislation that will give counties more control over inappropriate development in flood prone areas.
6. Evaluate and remediate inadequate storm drain infrastructure in existing neighborhoods.
7. Add a flood hazard and wild fire hazard overlay to CodeNext.

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