

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, individual governmental entities within the State of Texas operate various public safety and public service wireless communication systems; and

WHEREAS, the governmental entities recognize the need for interagency communication, interoperability, and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the governmental entities using these systems are becoming more interdependent, and would benefit from statewide integration of these systems and shared information flow; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that it is time to participate with other governmental entities to consider and plan for a statewide wireless interoperable communication system composed of existing or future local and regional radio systems that are under local control; and

WHEREAS, a cooperative effort between these government entities is necessary to facilitate financing, planning, and development of a statewide wireless interoperable communication system; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

1. The City may cooperate with other participating governments to establish the Texas Radio Coalition to plan and develop a statewide wireless interoperable communication system composed of existing or future local and regional systems under local control.
2. The City Manager is authorized to take action necessary to pursue this goal including:
 - (a) assigning appropriate staff to attend Texas Radio Coalition and other meetings to develop a plan for a statewide wireless interoperable communication system;
 - (b) identifying funding that may be available for this cooperative intergovernmental project, including federal, state, local, or private grant funds; and

(c) informing the City Council about planning, funding, and other information relevant to policy and budget decisions related to participation and implementation of the Texas Radio Coalition.

ADOPTED: _____, 2007

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk