

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE FAMILIES AND CHILDREN TASK FORCE
AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 2-7,
ARTICLE 5.**

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

PART 1. Findings.

- (A) Families hold the key to much of what makes Austin unique and special by sustaining our City's creative energy and social capital.
- (B) Families and children are an integral part of the community fabric in Austin.
- (C) Families with children face unique challenges to live in the central City with Austin's explosive growth, including quality child care that is accessible and affordable, transportation for themselves and their children, and appropriate and affordable housing.
- (D) The policy solutions to these issues will need to be considered by not only Austin, but also our partners, the Travis County Commissioners Court and the Austin Independent School District (AISD).

PART 2. Creation, Duties, Resources and Recommendations.

- (A) A Families and Children Task Force (Task Force) is created, consisting of 15 members, including stakeholders and experts. The members of the Task Force shall be recommended by Council Members Kim, Cole and Mayor Pro Tem Dunkerly, and appointed by Council. Council Member Kim may fill any vacancy that may occur.
- (B) Notwithstanding the membership of the Task Force, a quorum for the conduct of business is a majority of active members.
- (C) The Families and Children Task Force shall:
 - (1) consider a set of questions and concerns, including child care issues, appropriate/affordable housing and transportation;
 - (2) examine best practices in peer cities and in literature; and
 - (3) make policy recommendations to City Council.

(D) The Austin Commission for Women and the Austin Child Care Council shall:

(1) receive regular reports on the Task Force's progress;

(2) act as resources for the Task Force; and

(3) review the Task Force's recommendations.

(E) The city manager and the Families and Children Task Force shall present the Task Force's recommendation to the City Council within nine months after the first meeting of the Task Force.

(F) The results of the Task Force recommendations will also be made available to AISD and the Travis County Commissioner's Court for possible implementation.

(G) The city manager is directed to provide necessary resources and technical assistance to the Families and Children Task Force.

(H) The Families and Children Task Force shall be dissolved on the later of one year from the effective date of this ordinance or the date the final recommendation are presented to council.

PART 3. The council waives the requirements of City Code Chapter 2-7, Article 5 for members of the Families and Children Task Force.

PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2007.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2007

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk