ORDINANCE NO. <u>20070607-003</u>

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY TO SETTLE DISPUTES CONCERNING THE USE OF RETURN FLOWS AND PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER RIGHTS DETERMINATIONS BEFORE THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INVOLVING THE COLORADO RIVER AND AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A WATER PARTNERSHIP.

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

PART 1. The City Manager is authorized to negotiate and execute a settlement agreement between the City of Austin and the Lower Colorado River Authority to settle disputes concerning the use of return flows and pending applications for water rights determinations before the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality involving the Colorado River and authorizing an interlocal agreement to establish a water partnership between the parties for cooperation on water supply matters.

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on June 18, 2007.

PASSED AND APPROVED

ŝ June 7 2007 Mayor APPROVED **ATTEST:** David Allan Smith Shirley A. Gentry City Clerk City Attorney Page 1 of 1