

RESOLUTION NO. 20071011-057

WHEREAS, it is City's policy to encourage and enhance landscaping to maintain and create open space and vegetative cover; and

WHEREAS, within the urban core, the City Council desires to promote the underground placement of parking garages and other structures covered by pervious landscaped areas; and

WHEREAS, because one purpose of impervious cover requirements is to provide above-ground spaces for human enjoyment, it would be appropriate in some cases to exclude from impervious calculations any part of a lot where the ground consists of a pervious landscape area with a subsurface structure lying beneath; and

WHEREAS, subsurface parking garages are not expressly addressed in City regulations regarding measurement of impervious cover contained in Title 25 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to address appropriate standards for and potential environmental impacts of constructing subsurface structures;
NOW, THEREFORE,

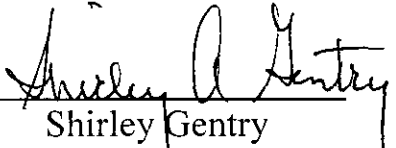
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council directs the City Manager to prepare an appropriate amendment to Title 25 of the City Code to clarify that appropriately designed subsurface structures that are covered with pervious landscape areas and that

do not cause adverse environmental impacts are excluded from the measurement of impervious cover in the urban core.

ADOPTED: October 11, 2007

ATTEST:


Shirley Gentry
City Clerk