

RESOLUTION NO. 20071129-046

WHEREAS, Envision Central Texas outlined the community's vision of sustainable land use through well-planned, compact development; and

WHEREAS, the Design Standards and Mixed Use ordinance requires new commercial development to support this vision through high-quality development with an emphasis on connectivity, green building, to a mix of uses and best practices in urban design including wide sidewalks and street trees; and

WHEREAS, this compact development can be further supported and enhanced by green infrastructure, the use of native landscapes for carbon sequestration and stormwater management, and other innovative stormwater facilities that simultaneously protect water quality and the quality of the urban experience; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin already puts its sustainable building values into practice through a commitment to achieve a Silver Level or higher rating on the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) green building rating system on all city buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Design Commission's ongoing analysis of major private developments in Austin have resulted in a higher-quality urban realm; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to take the steps necessary to ensure that all future city buildings and site developments meet all provisions of Subchapter E of Chapter 25-2 of the Land Development Code, with the enhancement that all City building projects within the urban roadway boundaries be built to Core Transit Corridor streetscape standards; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City shall demonstrate its ongoing commitment to sustainability by developing City buildings and sites to meet or exceed the standards of all other city sustainability initiatives, including water conservation, energy efficiency, and watershed protection; and

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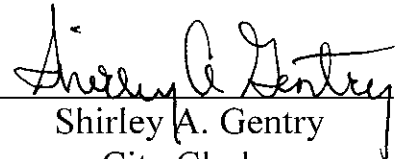
The development process for any City buildings and associated site development shall include consultation with Watershed Protection and Development Review to look for opportunities to include green infrastructure and innovative stormwater facilities such as biofiltration ponds, rainwater harvesting, porous pavement, vegetative filter strips for disconnected impervious cover, non-required vegetation, native landscapes to achieve carbon sequestration, and others as developed by the department, and that these facilities be designed and implemented in such a way that enables ongoing monitoring; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

City staff shall present plans for all municipal buildings and associated site development to the Design Commission to ensure they demonstrate compliance with city design and sustainability standards, and that this presentation take place early enough in the development process to enable incorporation of improvements that result from this consultation.

ADOPTED: November 29, 2007

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk