

RESOLUTION NO. 20080214-055

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has authorized connection to the City's water and wastewater system for homes in subdivisions without the necessary off-site wastewater infrastructure in place, necessitating the use of "pump and haul" operations whereby wastewater in the subdivision's wastewater lines is regularly pumped out by trucks and taken to a wastewater treatment facility; and

WHEREAS, these pump and haul operations elevate the potential for spillage of untreated wastewater due to the increased number of times that this wastewater is handled as well as possible equipment malfunctions, potentially affecting local ground and surface water resources along with local flora and fauna; and

WHEREAS, these pump and haul operations also present elevated safety hazards for the neighborhoods in which they are occurring, creating unnecessary heavy vehicle traffic; and

WHEREAS, the use of pump and haul operations should be reserved for cases of emergency; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

That the City of Austin prohibit the authorization for connection to the City's water and wastewater system prior to the appropriate off-site and on-site permanent infrastructure being in place to support the disposal of

wastewater and certified as ready for use as required by City of Austin Code and the Austin Water Utility;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City of Austin authorizes the emergency use of pump and haul operations as may be deemed necessary by the director of Austin Water Utility to address failures of or problems with existing infrastructure as may be necessary to protect the public health and safety;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this prohibition on non-emergency use of pump and haul operations does not apply to the use of pump and haul operations for septic tanks, wastewater holding tanks, grease traps, grit traps, package plants, or other such routine uses of pump and haul operations as determined by the director of Austin Water Utility; and

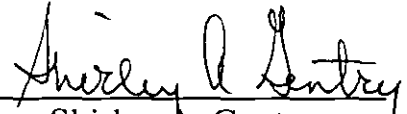
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this prohibition on non-emergency use of pump and haul operations does not apply to existing agreements with the City authorizing the use of pump and haul operations or one agreement currently being negotiated, provided that these agreements cannot be modified to increase the number of

connections to the City's wastewater system being serviced by pump and haul operations.

ADOPTED: February 14, 2008

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk