

ORDINANCE NO. 20080605-045

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A DOWNTOWN STREET EVENT CLOSURE TASK FORCE AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CITY CODE SECTIONS 2-7-63 AND 2-7-64.

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

PART 1. Findings.

The city council finds that

- (A) Foot races and walks benefit numerous local nonprofit organizations and the community as a whole
- (B) These events help the City of Austin further its goals of being recognized as the fittest city in America by the year 2010
- (C) Outdoor festivals and parades held on City streets also enhance the quality of life for Austin residents by providing opportunities for entertainment, commemoration, and celebration
- (D) Many of these events take place within the City's downtown area, where the City aims to create a vibrant mix of uses including homes, offices, retail stores, parks and civic centers, entertainment districts, and houses of worship
- (E) All users of the downtown area continue to search for efficient travel routes, parking, and street access that suit the needs of all
- (F) Such access is key to the sustenance of all downtown enterprises

PART 2. Creation and Purpose.

- (A) The Downtown Street Event Closure Task Force is created. The Task Force shall include stakeholders affected by events involving street closures in the downtown and near south Austin area, bounded by Lamar Boulevard on the west, Interstate Highway 35 on the east, Oltorf Street on the south, and Martin Luther King, Jr Boulevard on the north

- (B) The task force consists of at least 7 and not more than 15 members, to be appointed as follows.
1. One member each to be nominated by the Mayor, the Mayor Pro Tem, and each Council Member, and confirmed by Council.
 2. Council confirmation of up to 8 additional persons nominated by Council Member Leffingwell, selected as representatives of the following groups
 - non-profit organizations that sponsor events requiring street closures,
 - organizers of foot races and walks;
 - houses of worship,
 - Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association,
 - Downtown Austin Alliance, and
 - Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau
- (C) The purpose of the Task Force is to
1. review and recommend revisions to pertinent ordinances affecting street closures for events, and
 2. recommend strategies for creating a mutually beneficial schedule for events requiring street closures, including alternate days for events, alternate routes for access to businesses and buildings, a possible limit on the number of events and/or days per year on which streets are closed, and preset routes for foot races/walks, and other changes which the Task Force recommends to create a plan for mutually beneficial street event closures which respect the needs of all stakeholders
- (D) The task force shall report its findings back to Council within 120 days of appointment of representatives.
- (E) The City Manager shall provide staff support as necessary to assist the Task Force

PART 3. The council waives the requirements of City Code Section 2-7-63 (*Prohibition on Conflict of Interest*) and 2-7-64 (*Disclosure of Conflict of Interest*) for the Downtown Street Event Closure Task Force.

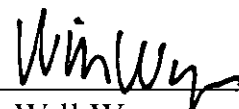
PART 4. The Downtown Street Event Closure Task Force is subject to City Code Sections 2-1-43 (*Meeting Requirements*) and 2-1-44 (*Meeting Procedures*).

PART 5. This ordinance takes effect on June 16, 2008

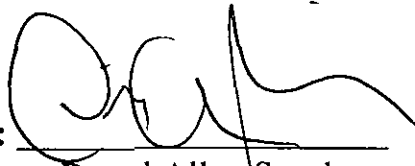
PASSED AND APPROVED

June 5, 2008

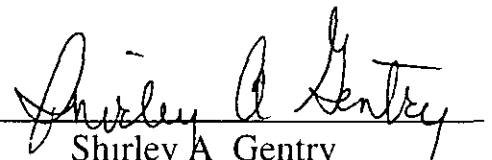
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