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WHEREAS, tourism is the fastest growing sector of the Austin economy accounting for over $2.82 billion dollars in 2007; and

WHEREAS, specific events in our Downtown contribute significantly to the overall vitality and growth of our tourism sector with direct benefit to the local economy including hotel occupancy tax and rental of the Austin Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is responsible to the entire community for the public safety of the city including traffic mitigation, emergency response, and noise control which requires planning by the appropriate city departments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin may issue temporary use permits throughout the city that may also affect the City’s ability to respond to a public safety emergency or mitigate the effect of the event on the rest of the community during specific downtown events; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the City Manager is directed to review City Code provisions and operational policies affecting large annual events that occur in the downtown
area to address public safety and nuisance issues, and to provide a report regarding these matters to Council not later than August 28, 2008.

ADOPTED: _____________, 2008  ATTEST: ________________

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk
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