

RESOLUTION NO. 20080828-067

WHEREAS, bicycles, motorcycles and motor scooters are a viable source of transportation and the city acknowledges the benefits of supporting the use of them; and

WHEREAS, bicycles, motorcycles and motor scooters require less parking space than automobiles - four or more motorcycles can occupy the same parking area required by one automobile; and

WHEREAS, bicycles, motorcycles and motor scooters cause far less damage to roads and bridges - the average motorcycle weighs less than one-eighth of an automobile, and have less surface area in contact with the roadway, and

WHEREAS, bicycles, motorcycles and motor scooters produce less air pollution than automobiles, thereby reducing emissions and improving air quality; and

WHEREAS, newer motorcycles and motor scooters are more fuel efficient than many automobiles; in the case of motor scooters, the fuel efficiency benefits are even more pronounced; many motor scooters deliver upwards of 100 miles per gallon; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Manager is directed to:

1. Evaluate the inclusion of motorcycle and motor scooter parking in the central business district, and in addition create a permitting

system by which motorcycles and motor scooters will be afforded free parking in these designated spaces.

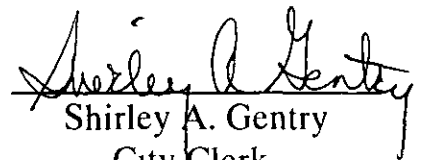
2. Consider creating buffer zones at traffic signals for two-wheeled vehicles.
3. Evaluate the feasibility of rebates for electric motor scooters and electric bicycles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager's recommendations shall be reviewed by the proper boards and commissions, including but not limited to the Downtown Commission and the Urban Transportation Commission, prior to presentation to Council.

ADOPTED: August 28, 2008

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk