

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Land Use and Transportation Committee of the City Council received two public briefings on City of Austin regulations regarding the time period for which approved site plans remain valid; and

WHEREAS, public testimony in these briefings identified problems with the current Code that could be addressed by extending the time period for which site plans remain valid;

WHEREAS, these problems include reducing the ability of development projects in Austin to remain resilient in the face of the difficulties securing credit under the current conditions in world financial markets, as well as the amount of City staff time required to process site plan extensions; and

WHEREAS, the initiation of Code amendments allows for a thorough public discussion in a variety of settings regarding the strengths and weaknesses of addressing these problems by extending the time period for which approved site plans remain valid; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to process amendments to Title 25 of the City Code to change the period of time for which site plans are valid to five years from the date of approval. Council requests both the Planning Commission and the Zoning and Platting Commission to provide recommendations to Council on the proposed amendments.

ADOPTED: _____, 2008 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk