

RESOLUTION NO. 20081218-075

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is one of the nation's most desirable destinations for hundreds of organized events annually, including festivals, athletic competitions, and parades; and

WHEREAS, the City has also developed a wide array of policies and programs to protect the environment, conserve natural resources, and enhance quality of life, including a Climate Protection Plan, water conservation policies, and efforts to reduce the amount of solid waste materials entering the waste stream; and

WHEREAS, the City's environmental policies should apply both to daily activities and to organized events; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council directs the City Manager to work with City Council offices and key stakeholders to:

- develop requirements that will ensure that events involving City resources or funds or that require City approvals are conducted in an environmentally sustainable manner, including the minimization of:
 - greenhouse gas emissions,
 - consumption or degradation of natural resources,
 - materials entering the city's waste stream; and
- compile a list of "best practices" for organizers to include in their events, whereby they can earn special recognition for implementing

sustainability practices that go above and beyond those called for under mandatory polices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

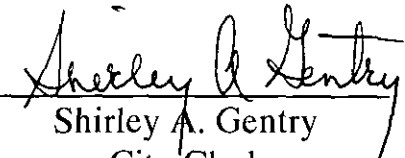
That the City Council encourages the City Manager to commit personnel and devote other resources necessary for the creation and execution of the new sustainability practices for organized events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to vet these sustainability practices to appropriate Boards and Commissions and return with recommendations within 90 days.

ADOPTED: December 18, 2008

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk