RESOLUTION NO. 20081218-077

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the development of pedestrian friendly corridors throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Code allows businesses to set out sidewalk signs in front of the business in specific areas of the central City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recently directed the City Manager to process code amendments that would allow the use of sidewalk signs in the South Congress Avenue area, and the Council wishes to consider extending this privilege to other commercial areas of the City; and

WHEREAS, the location and use of sidewalk signs should be subject to regulations to maintain public safety on sidewalks and to avoid inconveniences to pedestrians; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to initiate code amendments to Land Development Code Chapter 25-10 to allow sidewalk signs in any appropriate commercial area of the City, and to review and make recommendations for amendments, if necessary, of existing Code provisions regarding limitations on placement and location of the signs to assure that public safety is protected.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to return to Council with a recommended ordinance by February 28, 2009.

ADOPTED: December 18, 2008 ATTEST: Shully

Shirley A. Gentry City Clerk