

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2000, the City Council adopted the Downtown Design Guidelines as recommendations for all downtown development and redevelopment projects by both the public and private sector; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2006, the City Council directed the Design Commission to revise and update the guidelines, and to include recommendations for density bonus options that would provide public benefits such as affordable housing, plazas, and open space; and

WHEREAS, in August 2008, the Design Commission provided a briefing for the Council on their proposed recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Guidelines are collected into four categories:

- area-wide;
- public streetscape;
- plazas and open space;
- guidelines for buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Design Commission's major recommended changes from the original Downtown Design Guidelines include:

- Revise name of the guidelines from "Downtown Design Guidelines" to "Urban Design Guidelines for Austin."
- Change in focus from only downtown, to any area of Austin where density is desired;
- The Downtown boundaries of the guidelines have been removed;

- The sections on Downtown districts have been removed;
- Goals and values regarding sustainability have been added;
- Guidelines related to open space have been added; and
- A guideline limiting the amount of parking in a building facade between levels 2 to 5 has been added; and

WHEREAS, attached are the amended Guidelines as recommended by the Design Commission; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The attached Urban Design Guidelines as a policy document are approved and adopted.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk