

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-1 OF THE CITY CODE TO
REPEAL AND REPLACE SECTION 2-1-123 RELATING TO THE CHILD CARE
COUNCIL**

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

PART 1. Section 2-1-123 (*Child Care Council*) of the City Code is repealed and replaced to read:

§ 2-1-123 EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL

(A) The Early Childhood Council is composed of 13 community leaders as members. The Early Childhood Council may include representatives from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, a local Head Start grantee, a local child care resource and referral agency, and the local workforce board's child care contractor. Three of the Early Childhood Council members need not be City residents.

(1) The city council shall appoint 11 members.

(2) The Austin Independent School District shall appoint one member.

(3) The Travis County Commissioners Court shall appoint one member.

(B) The Early Childhood Council shall:

(1) make recommendations to the city council for the creation, development, and implementation of programs that promote optimal development for young children;

(2) develop, for recommendation to city council, programs and activities that contribute to the continued development of a system of high-quality early care and education and after-school programs for Austin's children;

(3) explore and develop, for recommendation to city council, cooperative arrangements with area governments in the metropolitan region to support a system of quality early care and education;

(4) encourage volunteerism and philanthropic efforts in order to generate broad-based community involvement and support for quality early

1 care and education and promote the well being of families of young
2 children; and

3 (5) develop, for recommendation to city council, strategies encouraging
4 individuals and agencies to continually improve the quality of their
5 services for young children; and

6 (6) support innovative approaches to quality early care and education and
7 leadership development in fields relating to the optimal development
8 of young children.

9 (C) The Early Childhood Council may create advisory committees. Each
10 advisory committee should include representatives of parents, child care
11 providers, early childhood educators, employers, community representatives,
12 public school officials, teachers, and county and regional governmental
13 entities.

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15 **PART 2.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2009

16 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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21 Will Wynn
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25 **APPROVED:** _____

26 David Allan Smith
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28 **ATTEST:** _____

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City Clerk