

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Austin's City Hall is the visual center and face of its Municipal government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin actively encourages citizen participation in its governance as part of its values system; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has historically allowed and encouraged the use of its City Hall as a gathering place for those participating in City affairs;
NOW THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to amend the Guidelines for Non-City Use for City Hall to reflect the following policy guidelines:

1. City Hall Chambers and the Boards & Commissions Room will be added to the list of available “free speech” spaces on Tuesdays during regular business hours, for citizens to use, without requiring Council sponsorship.
2. An individual or group may reserve either City Hall Chambers or the Boards and Commissions Room not more than once every two months for not more than a three hour period each time.
3. A reservation for either the City Hall Chambers or the Boards and Commissions Room previously made by an individual or group shall be

preempted by regular or emergency City Council meetings or other City business.

4. All guidelines and policies regarding city staff participation, city resources available and fees associated with usage will be consistent with other “free speech” spaces at City Hall.

5. Staff shall review these policy guideline changes to ascertain their effectiveness and provide a report to City Council twelve months after implementation.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk