

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, green roofs can conserve energy, mitigate stormwater runoff, promote water quality, provide wildlife habitat, and reduce the urban heat island effect; and

WHEREAS, the City, through Austin Energy Green Building's commercial rating tool, grants one optional point for a green roof on commercial buildings, but does not offer incentives or credits against water quality or detention requirements due to insufficient local data to support the credits; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is hereby directed to convene and work with a green roofs stakeholder group to explore the feasibility of offering stormwater credits and other incentives to encourage the creation of green roofs in the City.

1. The stakeholder group shall produce a policy report that includes recommendations regarding credits and other incentives to promote green roofs in the City.
2. The stakeholder group shall work with City staff.
3. The stakeholder group shall provide Council with an interim progress report on or before February 25, 2010 and shall present a final report to Council on or before August 26, 2010.

4. The stakeholder group shall be drawn from the fields of design, development, and green building, and include input from local green roof organizations and the University of Texas at Austin's Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk