

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, according to a recent study by the Workers Defense Project, Texas is ranked the most dangerous place to work in construction, leading the nation in the number of construction deaths in 2007; and

WHEREAS, several tragic deaths and injuries have occurred in the City of Austin, including seven deaths this past summer alone, due to gaps in construction site safety; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to find real solutions that improve worksite safety; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Manager is directed to develop a menu of options to address safety at private construction sites and provide any related required fiscal notes for each option.

This menu of options may include employer and/or worker education, partnerships, safety inspections, suggested policy changes or additions to the City's legislative agenda at the state and federal level, programs to increase access and use of safety equipment, requiring rest breaks, and any other creative solutions and best practices that will positively impact workers' safety on construction sites.

The City Manager is further directed to consult with all necessary stakeholders, including Workers Defense Project and construction or contracting associations.

The City Manager is hereby further directed to present the menu to City Council by January 22, 2010, including any necessary budget amendments.

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

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk