RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, local, sustainable and/or organic farms provide access to nutritious foods produced with fewer carbon resources than those shipped in from other regions, supporting the City's Climate Protection initiative; and

WHEREAS, local, sustainable and/or organic farms contribute to food security for the city and county, support the local economy, and provide educational opportunities for urban residents; and

WHEREAS, water utility fees that include wastewater charges are incongruent with the use of water in local, sustainable and/or organic agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Food Policy Board has requested that the City Council declare its support for responsible urban agriculture and farms—those that employ water conservation techniques, composting, and non-polluting growing practices; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to work with the Sustainable Food Policy Board and other stakeholders to examine the feasibility of new agricultural water and wastewater rates and other measures for ensuring that responsible urban agriculture and farms have affordable access to water and report back to Council on or before January 12, 2010.

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

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

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