

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council adopted the Residential Design and Compatibility Standards Ordinance, No. 20060309-058, establishing the current development regulations for single-family properties; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the ordinance is to minimize the impact of new construction, remodeling, and additions to existing buildings on surrounding properties in residential neighborhoods by defining acceptable buildable area for each lot within which new development may occur; and

WHEREAS, the Residential Design and Compatibility standards are designed to protect the character of Austin's older neighborhoods by ensuring that new construction and additions are compatible in scale and bulk with existing neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Southwood Neighborhood Association and other residential areas south of Ben White Boulevard are facing increased redevelopment pressure from the impact of new construction, remodeling, and additions to existing buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Southwood Neighborhood Association adopted a resolution requesting council to extend the boundaries of the Residential Design and Compatibility Standards Ordinance to include the following: north of William Cannon, south of Ben White Boulevard, east of Manchaca Drive, and west of Interstate Highway 35; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to process the necessary code amendments to extend the boundaries of City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F (*Residential Design and Compatibility Standards*). The City Manager shall work with stakeholders from the Southwood Neighborhood Association, the Bird Streets area, and other property owners in the area to identify recommended boundaries for the potential extension of the regulations.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk