

RESOLUTION NO.

Whereas, the goals of the Austin Farmers' Market are to increase the economic vitality of local farms and small businesses; increase awareness, knowledge and action about how to positively impact the Central Texas food system and create vibrant economically and socially diverse city-centered gathering places; and

Whereas, the goals of the Austin Farmer's Market mirror goals and policies established by the city council and expressed in the creation of the Sustainable Food Policy Board, work of the small business development program, and the development of the Downtown Parks and Open Spaces plan; and

Whereas, the Downtown Austin Farmers' Market has seen a 40% increase in the number of attendees since vendors started preparing food on-site using a temporary food establishment permit; and

Whereas, it has been determined that the use of this permit for vendors preparing hot foods on-site may not be an effective system for either the City

of Austin or the vendors as it requires weekly permitting for events that are not single events; and

Whereas, the City of Austin will lose the economic contribution these vendors bring to the farmers' markets including the Downtown Austin Farmers' Market, the Triangle Farmers' Market, and the Hope Farmers' Market; and

Whereas, Houston, Sunset Valley, and other Texas cities have policies that deal specifically with farmers' markets; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

That the City Manager be directed to study and present possible Code recommendations on a policy regarding hot food served on site at farmers' markets by April 22, 2010.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk