

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, on February 12, 2004, the Austin City Council approved a resolution to initiate rezoning of the Rainey Street area and to direct the City Manager to review the regulations of the Rainey Street Subdistrict of the Waterfront Overlay District; and

WHEREAS, the intention of rezoning properties in the Rainey Street District was to spur redevelopment of the area with a mix of uses; and

WHEREAS, most recently the redevelopment has been dominated by cocktail lounge and restaurant uses; and

WHEREAS, cocktail lounge and restaurant uses tend to generate high traffic counts; and

WHEREAS, this type of redevelopment in the Central Business District is not required to provide sidewalk and parking infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, as stated in the Waller Creek Master Plan, the Convention Center Overlay District was established to limit the construction of surface parking lots in the area surrounding the Convention Center; and

WHEREAS, the increased traffic and commercial activation of the Rainey Street District has raised concerns about pedestrian safety and congestion by residential occupants of existing single-family homes and those in recently constructed multifamily/condominium units; and

WHEREAS, Austin Transportation staff has been working to address these issues; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to develop short and long-term recommendations on how to address pedestrian safety, congestion, and parking issues in the Rainey Street District while continuing to encourage redevelopment of the area and supporting the Waller Creek Master Plan and present his recommendations to Council within 60 days. Residents and business owners in the Rainey Street District should be engaged to provide input for potential solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Transportation staff should consider the creation of a Parking Benefits District (PBD) as a potential tool for addressing on-street and off-street parking and to determine if any City-owned property could be used in conjunction with the PBD.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk