

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin City Council utilizes boards and commissions (boards) to advise the Council of policy-related issues of significant concern to both the Council and the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has an active boards structure consisting of more than 50 permanent boards, approximately 100 board subcommittees, and a plethora of board-related task forces; and

WHEREAS, the City Council values the feedback it receives from the approximately 450 volunteers who serve on these boards; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that significant City resources are required to support the board system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council requires a fair and impartial financial analysis of the costs of administering the board system in order to ensure the City is using taxpayer revenues to gather technical advice and community input on city issues in an efficient manner. **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is hereby directed to work with the City Clerk to conduct a cost analysis of the city's boards and commissions system. The analysis should determine the City's direct and indirect costs of organizing and running the system. Costs should include city staff time preparing for, attending, or administering board meetings as well as supplies, facility and other costs associated with board proceedings.

The City Manager and City Clerk are directed to present their analysis to the Audit and Finance Subcommittee no later than October 31, 2011.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
Secretary