

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, South Congress Avenue has become a nationally known retail district that includes shops, restaurants, music venues and food trailers; and

WHEREAS, this active commercial area borders single family residential homes; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2006, the Austin City Council approved a major amendment to the City of Austin's Land Development Code, codified as Subchapter E (*Design Standards and Mixed Use*) of Chapter 25-2, including expedited review of applications to establish Residential Permit Parking (RPP) districts; and

WHEREAS, both the Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Plan and the Greater South River City Neighborhood Plan name quality of residential life as well as the support and success of locally owned businesses in their vision statements; and

WHEREAS, Austin Transportation staff have been working to address a number of issues related to parking and traffic in the area; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to:

1. Work with residents, businesses owners, and other stakeholders to develop short and long-term recommendations addressing parking issues on South Congress Avenue and in adjacent neighborhoods and present them to Council within 90 days.
2. Coordinate with the Transportation Department and the Planning & Development Review Department to: (i) consider the creation of a Parking Benefits District as a potential tool for addressing on-street and off-street parking; and (ii) make recommendations regarding how

RPPs are applied within and near Vertical Mixed Use zoning districts, including their relationship to on-site parking requirements and variances.

3. Initiate a code amendment to City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter E (*Design Standards and Mixed Use*) tying expedited review of RPP districts to issuance of a certificate of occupancy for a Vertical Mixed Use project. The amendment, or an alternate recommendation for addressing expedited review of RPP districts, should be presented to Council for consideration within 90 days.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk