

RESOLUTION NO. 20110303-033

WHEREAS, the City of Austin regards cleaner air quality for our City and region as a priority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has been an active member of the Capital Area Council of Governments' (CAPCOG) Clean Air Coalition (CAC), a regional five-county organization dedicated to developing innovative solutions for healthy air in Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, CAPCOG has commissioned a study to determine where the major idling violations are occurring in the region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's commitment in the 8-hour ozone flex agreement includes voluntary measures in support of regional air quality by addressing heavy-duty vehicle idling in the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has an agreement with the State of Texas that grants us authority to enforce the State's idling rule (30 TAC 114.510, 511, 512, and 517); and

WHEREAS, Austin City Code section 6-1, Article 3, establishes enforcement authority for heavy-duty on-road motor vehicle idling; and

WHEREAS, the code does not clearly define which City department is responsible for enforcement of this section; and

WHEREAS, regional partnerships can further our goal of cleaner air quality for the City and support efforts to keep the region in compliance with current and future U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ground-level ozone and other local air pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the ozone season, defined as April 1 to October 31, is most critical for enforcement efforts; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

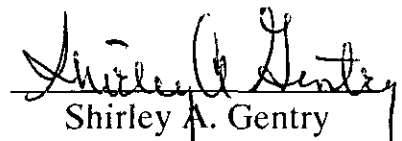
The City Manager is directed to work with Travis County and other regional partners toward a memorandum of understanding that addresses:

- enforcement of established anti-idling policies within the City and the region;
- sharing educational materials and programs throughout the region; and
- communication protocols related to enforcement of violations within the City and between regional partners.

The City Manager shall report back to Council by April 1, 2011.

ADOPTED: March 3, 2011

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk