

RESOLUTION NO. 20110303-035

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has identified cultural arts as an essential element to the quality of life of its residents and health of its economy; and

WHEREAS, the Art in Public Places Program (AIPP) has invested more than \$5 million of City resources since 1985 to commission and site art in public places throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Create Austin Plan recommends enhancing and expanding the City's AIPP Program by identifying and securing ongoing funding for the maintenance and preservation of public art; and

WHEREAS, the AIPP ordinance was revised in 2002 to include public art in all new street and streetscape improvement projects, which are now being implemented through the capital improvements program funds and general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, artists involved in creating and installing public art have experienced difficulties with fees and requirements associated with obtaining City permits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 20100311-038 directing the City Manager to identify barriers experienced by artists working on city-sponsored art projects with members of the arts community and make recommendation for process improvements for assisting artists participating in city-sponsored art projects; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Arts Commission reviewed the findings of a permit survey of artists who have completed projects in the City's Right-of-Way as well as the anticipated permit cost of 50 current public art projects; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2010, the Austin Arts Commission passed a motion to recommend that city-sponsored art projects be exempt from any applicable city permit fees to reduce the significant impact on small budgets for fabrication and installation of artwork; and

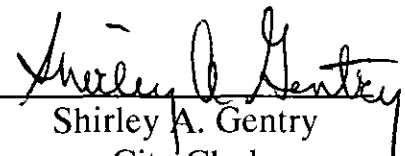
WHEREAS, the Planning and Development Review Department (PDRD) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) determined that fee waivers for city-sponsored art projects would not have a negative impact on their operating budget; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Manager is directed to develop and administer a fee waiver program for city-sponsored art projects.

APPROVED: March 3, 2011

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk