

Late Backup

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; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a group of stakeholders in the process of reviewing a city wide Parking Benefit District Draft Ordinance as well as the Residential Permit Parking Program with the Transportation staff and other city staff; this parallel conversation will inform the South Congress conversation, and experience on South Congress will likewise inform the broader city wide conversation; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to:

1. Work with residents, commercial property and business owners, the City Departments of Transportation and Planning & Development Review, 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 all stakeholders to examine specifically for the South Congress area: (1) the probable effects on the South Congress business district should a comprehensive Residential Parking Permit program be adopted in adjacent neighborhoods; (2) the benefits and costs of increased parking enforcement in the neighborhoods surrounding South Congress Avenue, particularly during peak business periods; (3) the value of a Parking Benefits District as a potential tool for addressing on- and off-street parking; (4) possible methods for providing employees of South Congress businesses with access to on-street parking spaces that would otherwise be reserved for residents under a Residential Parking Permit program; and
3. Communicate with Council the need for a City Code amendment if, at any time during the 90-day conversation period, it becomes likely that such an amendment will be a part of the stakeholder-recommended response to the problem.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk