

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, several annual and semi-annual tours are held within Austin's urban neighborhoods that enhance the unique cultural and artistic environment for city residents and members of the Austin creative community; and

WHEREAS, production of arts and crafts is currently a permitted use under the City's home occupation regulations; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of home occupations, including arts and craft production and limited sales, is allowed via websites as well as guides and directories related to tours and events; and

WHEREAS, the tours provide a creative outlet for visual artists, craft-makers, and design professionals, as well as residents who maintain homes and public spaces and enhance the character and economy of the city; and

WHEREAS, city regulations protect neighborhoods and impact the success of tours, art production and home art sales; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the City of Austin's continuing efforts to support art in public spaces and cultural arts programming and its creative community; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

1. The City Council initiates code amendments to City Code Chapter 25-2 (*Zoning*) and directs the City Manager to develop a proposed ordinance that:

- (A) Allows residential properties throughout the City of Austin to participate in a tour, which may include the on-site incidental sale and production of arts and crafts, for up to 6 days per year;

- (B) Allows residential properties to hold garage sales or similar events, which may include the on-site incidental sale and production of arts and crafts, for up to four-days per year when not associated with a tour; and
- (C) Clarifies that the ordinance does not waive applicable land use codes or health and safety regulations.

2. The City Manager is directed to present a draft ordinance consistent with the terms of this resolution for consideration by the Council within 60 days.

ADOPTED: _____, 2011

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk