

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, mitigation is required when a tree is authorized to be removed under City Code Sections 25-8-624(D), 25-8-642(D), or 25-8-643(B; and

WHEREAS, when all feasible mitigation efforts have been exhausted, and upon approval of the City Arborist, funds may be provided to the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund (UFRF) as part of the mitigation requirements; and,

WHEREAS, funds are provided to the Planting for the Future Fund (PFTF) under City Code Sections 6-3-63 and 6-3-75 for damaging or removing a public tree, or by donation and may be used for planting public trees; and

WHEREAS, the UFRF is managed in accordance with the most current City of Austin fiscal policies and procedures and may be used for:

- (1) off-site tree planting and maintenance;
- (2) promoting tree care and preservation;
- (3) urban forest conservation;
- (4) enforcement of City tree protection and mitigation regulations.

WHEREAS, the survival of the community's most significant heritage trees depend upon adequate care and continued maintenance, which reduces liability from tree failure and avoids unnecessary removal; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council directs the City Manager to work with staff and the Urban Forestry Board to develop a pilot program using the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund and the Planting for the Future Fund to identify, maintain, and preserve prominent trees along transit corridors and in the urban core. Along with the suggested pilot program, the Urban Forestry Board may make recommendations on additional mechanisms to utilize the funds to enhance the long-term health of our urban forest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to bring the proposal for a pilot program back to the City Council at the August 2, 2012 regularly scheduled council meeting.

ADOPTED: _____, 2012 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk