

# **Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council Item ID 18716 Agenda Number 43.

Meeting Date: 10/11/2012 Department: Transportation

# <u>S</u>ubject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 13-5 relating to provision of valet parking services, amending license and permit requirements, and amending penalty provisions.

# Amount and Source of Funding

#### Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Boards and Commission Action:	Reviewed by the Urban Transportation Commission.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

### Additional Backup Information

On August 18, 2011, Council approved Ordinance No. 20110818-074 directing the City Manager to continue current community outreach efforts, and return to Council with recommendations for modifications relating to valet service. In response to the direction of this ordinance, the Austin Transportation Department presents this recommendation for Council consideration.

The Austin Transportation Department began working with the stakeholders and businesses within the valet industry in August of 2011, in an effort to identify and obtain feedback on specific issues. A total of 4 stakeholder meetings were conducted on the following dates: August 23, 2011, September 27, 2011, October 05, 2011 and June 08, 2012. Resulting from many discussions the following recommended amendments to Chapter 13-5 of the City Code pertaining to "Valet Parking Services" are being presented for consideration:

- Clarification of:
  - Definitions.

- Restrictions and Requirements.
- Authority of the City.
- Duration of time for temporary permits.
- Requests for modification to permit.
- Space Allocation Revisions:
  - Remove the 1/3 rule and establish specific standing times.
  - Require supplemental devices in certain locations.
- Zone Responsibilities:
  - Rename one of the authorizations in the ordinance, to better delineate areas of responsibility.
  - Seeking vehicle service data through our permitting process, to better understand the public benefit.
  - Added a section related to the safe handling of citizen property.
  - Permit revocation process.

The Urban Transportation Commission (UTC) has been briefed several times on the draft valet ordinance and has provided positive feedback on the proposed changes to the ordinance, leaving the fees to be discussed in greater detail. At this time staff is requesting approval to amend the Code. If approved, staff is planning to return with a fee and budget amendment at City Council's November 1 meeting.