

RESOLUTION NO. 20121108-052

WHEREAS, helicopter operations and related facilities, both permanent and temporary, are addressed in the City Code Chapter 13-1 (Aviation Services) as well as Chapter 25-2 (Zoning);

WHEREAS, temporary heli-facility operations in the past have had minimal negative impacts on surrounding residents or businesses;

WHEREAS, permits for temporary heli-facilities have historically authorized 10 or fewer helicopter operations;

WHEREAS, the potential exists, under certain interpretations of the City Code, for the authorization of temporary heli-facilities servicing helicopter operations that extend well beyond the historic operation levels and that would thus cause significant disruption and noise to nearby residents and businesses;

WHEREAS, the community would be well-served by clarifying and enhancing the City Code related to temporary helicopter facilities and addressing, among other elements, appropriate allowable purposes, limits on individual and collective permits, advance notice to and feedback from the

public and nearby property owners on applications under consideration, criteria for discretion in authorizing permits, requirements for compliance with Federal Aviation Advisory Circular 150/5020-1 (Noise Control and Compatibility Planning for Airports), conditional and/or temporary use permitting requirements, and applicability of general heli-facility requirements;

WHEREAS, interested parties on heli-facility issues include, but are not limited to residents of Austin as well as adjacent municipalities, helicopter operations providers, large event producers, and property owners and managers of facilities that potentially may be used as temporary helistops or located in close proximity to one; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

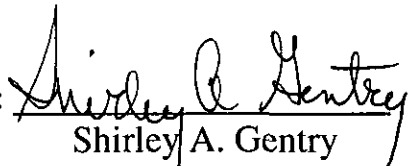
That the City Manager is directed to engage stakeholder representatives to develop recommendations for modifications to the City Code Chapters 13-1 and 25-2 that clarify definitions, Code requirements, and enhance criteria, transparency, compatibility, and discretion in the authorization process for temporary and permanent heli-facilities;

Be it further resolved, that the City Manager is directed to present recommendations to the Planning Commission, Zoning and Platting

Commission, and the Austin Airport Advisory Commission for feedback and to report on the recommendations to the City Council by March 31, 2013.

ADOPTED: November 8, 2012

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk