

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, parking is a valuable and limited resource in many parts of the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, cities and businesses across the country are offering financial incentives to employees who give up their parking spaces through parking cash out programs, enabling those spaces to be made available to other users; and

WHEREAS, parking cash outs encourage people to use modes of transportation other than single occupancy vehicles to get to work, reducing congestion and improving air quality; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution number 20110113-039, Austin's City Council implemented a pilot parking cash out program from January through October of 2012 at City Hall and Faulk Central Library; and

WHEREAS, both of these locations offer the potential for cash-neutrality: City Hall is able to sell the additional spaces to the public and Faulk Central Library is able to reduce the number of spaces they lease for employee parking, saving city funds; and

WHEREAS, this pilot program ended at the end of fiscal year 2012, leaving those people who made the shift to other modes of transportation without the financial incentive that is a basic part of the program; and

WHEREAS, there are funds leftover from the 2012 pilot program; and

WHEREAS, a permanent program is needed for the city to commit to the goals of reducing congestion, improving air quality, and being able to resell or reduce leases for those parking spaces which are no longer used by employees; and

WHEREAS, lessons from the pilot and best practices should be applied to make the permanent program more successful; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to continue to offer the parking cash out payments to the city staff members who are currently enrolled in the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The City Manager is directed to implement a permanent parking cash out program for all city buildings surrounded by managed parking beginning October 1, 2013. In creating the new program, staff should consider:

1. Offering the cash out on a daily basis;
2. Separating the incentive check from the employee's payroll check;
3. Exploring non-cash incentives; and
4. Making the program cash-neutral for each participating building;

A memo describing the program will be provided to council by June 1, 2013.

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

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk