RESOLUTION NO. 20121206-074

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan was unanimously adopted in June 2012; and

WHEREAS, one of the eight priority programs in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan calls for revising Austin’s development regulations and processes to promote a compact and connected city; and

WHEREAS, per Article X, Sec. 6 of the City Charter, all land development regulations including zoning and map, subdivision regulations, roadway plan, all public improvements, public facilities, public utilities projects and all city regulatory actions relating to land use, subdivision and development approval shall be consistent with the comprehensive plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2012 staff briefed Council with a presentation on the process to revise Austin’s Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS, an advisory group for this effort would assist in public outreach, provide advisory feedback throughout the process, and actively support the revision of the land development code; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1. An advisory group is established to assist in public outreach and to provide feedback on the development and implementation of a revised land development code for the City of Austin.

2. The advisory group shall consist of 11 members, seven members shall be appointed by the City Council by January 2013 and the remaining four shall be named thereafter by the City Manager. Members should be selected based on expertise in the fields of
urban planning, architecture, household affordability, neighborhoods, construction, project review and permitting, environmental protection and sustainability, or other fields deemed relevant to adoption of a new development code.

3. If a member of the advisory group subsequently resigns or fails to serve, the remaining members may select an individual to fill the vacancy subject to approval by the City Council. A member fails to serve if he or she misses 3 consecutive meetings or one-third of the meetings held in a twelve-month period. Membership may not exceed the number of individuals initially appointed to the advisory group by the City Council.

4. The advisory group is not subject to the requirements of City Code Chapter 2-1 (City Boards) and shall terminate automatically by the end of September, 2015, or upon the adoption of a new land development code, whichever is earlier. However, the advisory group is subject to the Open Meetings Act, codified in Chapter 551 of the Government Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to:

1. Continue the process outlined in the staff briefing entitled “Process to Revise Austin’s Land Development Code,” as presented at the November 1, 2012 council meeting.

2. Coordinate with the advisory group in the development and preparation of a revised land development code.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Members of this advisory board must agree to comply with the City’s ethics and personal responsibilities guidelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

A person who is registered or required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 4-8 or who is employed by a person registered or required to register under Chapter 4-8 is prohibited from serving as a member of this advisory board.

ADOPTED: December 6, 2012

ATTEST: Shirley A. Gentry

City Clerk