

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Rainey Street Historic District is listed on the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Austin City Council amended the Rainey Street Sub-district of the Waterfront Overlay which allowed Central Business District zoning throughout; and

WHEREAS, the Council intention at the time was to try to preserve the unique and historic character of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Rainey District has several redevelopment projects underway and more are anticipated; and

WHEREAS, “Relocation” permits have been granted for six houses in the District and it is likely that similar requests will be made for the remaining structures; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a Rainey District History Center will ensure the citizens of Austin are aware of the area as a National Register Historic District after the area has been redeveloped; and

WHEREAS, the reuse of the relocated structures for affordable housing will help the City towards its affordable housing needs; and

WHEREAS, on-street infrastructure can be designed to recognize and preserve the cultural heritage of the Rainey District; and

WHEREAS, funds derived from alley vacation sales, temporary use of right-of-way, and license agreements have been used to fund relocation of

existing businesses on Congress Avenue through the Business Retention and Enhancement Program; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Council to explore utilization of right-of-way fees to fund the preservation of the Rainey Street Historic District as new development occurs; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to explore mechanisms, including the use of right-of-way fees from the Rainey Street Subdistrict as well as north to Palm Park between Red River Street and Interstate 35, to fund relocation of buildings on Rainey Street, creation of a Rainey Street History Center, and future infrastructure improvements in the Rainey Street Subdistrict; and to provide a report to Council by June 27, 2013.

ADOPTED: _____, 2013 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk