

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin Land Development Code currently requires that businesses fulfill minimum parking requirements primarily through off-street spaces; and

WHEREAS, parts of Austin's central city are experiencing shortages of private, off-street parking for businesses to rely on to meet this code requirement; and

WHEREAS, a shortage of off-street spaces can pose significant challenges to the adaptive reuse of existing buildings and to smaller scale businesses in densely developed areas; and

WHEREAS, metered parking spaces tend to perform more efficiently than unmetered spaces, accommodating more users in a given time period by promoting turnover; and

WHEREAS, metered parking spaces place the burden of paying for parking on the actual users of the parking, reducing the overall parking demand; and

WHEREAS, with a Parking Benefits District in place, revenue from metered parking spaces can support significant improvements in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan's vision of a compact and connected city is furthered by a reduction in surface parking lots; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

- (1) The City Council initiates amendments to Title 25 of the City Code and directs the City Manager to develop a proposed ordinance to allow metered parking spaces within a certain distance of a business to count towards the minimum parking required under City Code Chapter 25-6.
- (2) In developing the ordinance, the City Manager should consider, among other things, the appropriate distance from the primary use, and whether the applicability of the ordinance should depend on the extent to which the metered spaces are utilized.
- (3) The City Manager is directed to process the amendments and present the ordinance to the City Council for consideration within 90 days, or as soon as reasonably practicable.

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