

ORDINANCE NO. 20131212-140

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 021003-40 TO MAKE THE MERRY MEMORIES EVENT A CITY CO-SPONSORED EVENT AND WAIVING CERTAIN FEES AND REQUIREMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CERTAIN COSTS FOR THE EVENT THAT WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2013.

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

PART 1. FINDINGS.

- (A) 2013 marks the 16th anniversary of Merry Memories hosted by River City Youth Foundation, one of Austin's largest toy giveaways that serve more than 2,000 children.
- (B) In addition to the toy giveaway, Merry Memories provides free community activities for children and families.
- (C) River City Youth Foundation has served the needs of the Dove Springs area for over twenty five years in core areas including technology, mentoring, counseling and prevention, literacy, college and career, health and wellness, and community development.
- (D) River City Youth Foundation's model of comprehensive neighborhood-based youth services to maximize every child's potential and improve communities has proven invaluable to those in the Dove Springs area.
- (E) Following the devastating floods that occurred on October 31, 2013, there is an even greater need for assistance in the Dove Springs neighborhood.

The City of Austin currently co-sponsors other events with cultural and community benefits including Juneteenth Parade and Festival, Austin Farmer's Market, Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Parade, Austin Pride Parade, Veteran's Day Parade, SXSW, Kite Festival, 4th of July, Diez y Seis, and Celebrate Texas Parade and Run.

PART 2. Council authorizes an amendment to Resolution No. 021003-40 to add Merry Memories as a City co-sponsored event which, for Fiscal Year 2013-14, was held on December 7, 2013.

