AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	32499	Agenda Number	34.

Meeting Date:	5/1/2014	Department:	Transportation

Subject

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Chapter 12-5 to authorize commercial service vehicles to conduct loading and unloading activities from a metered space, commercial loading zone, or curb-side travel lane.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Robert Spillar, 512-974-2488; Gordon Derr, 512-974-7228; Carlton Thomas, 512-974-7020; Gilda Powers, 512-974-7092.
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Urban Transportation Commission on April 8, 2014 on a vote of 5-0-0-2. (Recommendation No. 20140408-03B)
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This ordinance would authorize commercial service vehicles to load or unload from a metered space, commercial loading zone, or a travel lane; if properly permitted and the vehicle displays a valid permit. This will improve public transportation during peak commute hours and would allow double parking by delivery vehicles without causing traffic congestion.

Commercial Vehicles will be permitted to use designated loading lanes during non-peak commute times. Vehicles that do not display commercial markings as determined by City Code are subject to citation.

Commercial Service loading/unloading in the Downtown Austin Project Coordination Zone (DAPZC) and along critical arterial corridors will be prohibited from 7 A.M.-9 A.M. and 4 P.M. – 6 P.M. The boundary of the Downtown Austin Project Coordination Zone (DAPCZ) area is MoPac to Chicon Street; and Oltorf Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

Curb-side lanes or metered spaces can be used Monday through Saturday. This action will not allow deliveries from locations where there is only a single lane in a direction and the vehicle would block the only lane.

The new fee will be included in the FY 2014-2015 fee schedule during the budget process.