

RESOLUTION NO. 20140501-044

WHEREAS, the City of Austin seeks a vibrant, urban, mixed-use, pedestrian friendly downtown; and

WHEREAS, a vibrant urban core benefits all Austin residents by contributing to the tax base, providing public activity centers, and anchoring the economy of the region; and

WHEREAS, the availability of large developable parcels will decrease over time and smaller building footprints will be considered for development; and

WHEREAS, many cities have seen the value of slender building designs because the buildings present greater opportunities for view corridors; and

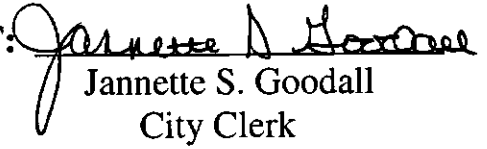
WHEREAS, the City of Austin and the State of Texas have established Capitol View Corridors; and

WHEREAS, point towers are tall buildings with a typical construction gross floor area not exceeding 8,000 square feet and are frequently defined by their use of fire separated interlocking stairs; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to work with housing builders and developers to identify barriers that affect the development of point towers and to develop potential solutions. The City Manager is further directed to provide a memorandum to Council as soon as reasonably possible with

recommendations for establishing regulations that promote the development of point towers.

APPROVED: May 1, 2014 **ATTEST:** 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk