

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, a number of City boards and commission members are individuals who serve in the Reserves and National Guard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has a commitment to supporting men and women who serve the country in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, service men and women are required to participate in training exercises that can prevent them from meeting the attendance requirements in the City Code; and

WHEREAS, City Code requires that a board member automatically vacate his or her position if he or she is absent for three consecutive regular meetings or one-third of all regular meetings in a rolling 12-month timeframe; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 2-1-26 provides that absences from board and commission meeting may be excused due to 1) the board member's illness or injury; 2) the illness of or injury to a member of the board member's immediate family; or 3) the birth or adoption of the board member's child, for 90 days after the birth or adoption; and

WHEREAS, Active Duty Military is currently not an excused absence for members of City boards and commissions; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

That the City Manager is directed to prepare an ordinance amending City Code Section 2-1-26 to include required military leave as an additional permissible reason for a city board member's failure to attend a regular meeting of the board to which the board member is appointed.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk