

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the public right-of-way is an important resource and its use has varying degrees of value for utility placement, landscaping, green infrastructure, traffic and pedestrian movements, open space, light and air, and amenities such as creation of areas for events, activities and place making; and

WHEREAS, City Council adopted Resolution No. 20130321-040, recognizing the value of alley right-of-ways, working group efforts in transforming alleyways, and the opportunities that can be created by enlivening these downtown public spaces by providing additional reasons for residents and visitors to spend time and money in these enhanced spaces; and

WHEREAS, as an important public resource, the transfer to private ownership or use of public right-of-way should be carefully considered; and

WHEREAS, right-of-way vacations and encroachments should be considered within the context of the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and its identified goals and in conformance with the objectives of City policies and priorities; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to consider the relevant Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan priority programs when making recommendations to the City Council or to boards and commissions regarding right-of-way vacation and encroachment applications.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to report back to Council by September 25, 2014 with a description of the methods used to implement this resolution.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk