

RESOLUTION NO. 20140807-110

WHEREAS, In 2009, the Council adopted Ordinance Nos. 20091022-028 and 20091217-090 which regulate the use of cell phones and other wireless communication devices while operating a motor vehicle, prohibiting texting and any other activities with exceptions for engaging in phone calls or operating the device in a hands-free mode; and

WHEREAS, since that time there has been an increase in the use of mobile devices and smart phone technology which can cause a distraction if used while operating a vehicle; and

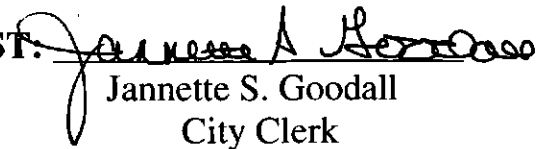
WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 20140227-045 which directed the City Manager to form a Distracted Driving Study Group to receive public input and to develop recommendations on modifications to the current ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Distracted Driving Study Group developed its recommendations and presented them to the Public Safety Commission and the Technology and Telecommunications Commission; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to incorporate the recommendations from the Distracted Driving Study Group, except for the inclusion of pedestrians, into an ordinance for Council consideration at its August 28th meeting.

ADOPTED: August 7, 2014

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk