

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, development or re-development of a property sometimes requires an extension or enhancement of the City's water and wastewater infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City requires an assessment of the need for additional water and wastewater infrastructure through the City's service extension request (SERs) process for new office, hotels, residential, affordable housing, schools, parks, and other development; and

WHEREAS, the length of time it takes SERs to be processed affects the cost and marketing cycle of housing and other development; and

WHEREAS, the rising cost of housing and development is adversely impacting the quality of life for Austinites; and

WHEREAS, the number of SERs have increased by more than 90% over the last four years and is projected to be at least 30% higher this year than last year resulting in significantly longer processing times; and

WHEREAS, SERs are currently taking around 80 days and the backlog is predicted to grow; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to research improvements to decrease the amount of time to administratively complete SERs and report back to Council in 90 days with his findings and recommendations.

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

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk