ORDINANCE NO. 20140925-040

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-5-43 OF THE CITY CODE TO MAKE TRAVEL IN TRANSIT PRIORITY LANES A CIVIL OFFENSE AND; TO ESTABLISH CIVIL FINES FOR VIOLATIONS

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

PART 1. City Code Section 12-5-43 is amended to read:

§ 12-5-43. TRANSIT PRIORITY LANES

- [(A)] A person may not stop, stand, or park a motor propelled private or commercial vehicle in a transit priority lane designated as a bus only lane except:
 - (1) for vehicles authorized by the City to travel in a bus only lane;
 - (2) for a bicycle to bypass an authorized vehicle in the bus only lane;
 - (3) to execute a right turn; or
 - (4) to yield to emergency vehicles displaying or using emergency devices such as lights and sirens.

(B) A person who violates this section commits a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$500.

PART 2. City Code Section 12-5-90 (*Civil Fines, Costs, and Fees*) is amended to add the following violation and fines:

Parking - Transit Priority Lanes

Standard Fine

Early Payment Fine

\$500

\$350

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on October 6, 2014. PASSED AND APPROVED September 25, 2014 September 25, 2014 Mayor

APPROVED: ATTEST Jannette S. Goodall
City Attorney

ATTEST Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk