



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Austin/Travis County Sustainable Food Policy Board

Recommendation Number: (20141013-4CB) Code Next Recommendation

WHEREAS, the Codes and Ordinances Working Group of the Austin/Travis County Sustainable Food Policy Board (SFPB) is working together with community and board members to develop recommendations that help the Code Next team and Consultants address all stages of Austin's food system.

WHEREAS, our goal is to improve upon the existing code in a way that meets the needs of communities, farmers, and regulators in the interest of a healthy, safe, and sustainable food system for all of Austin.

WHEREAS, Imagine Austin recognizes that food is integral to municipal infrastructure and intimately associated with public health and well-being, economic growth, and community development.

WHEREAS, Austin is experiencing rapid growth and this trend is expected to continue for the next few decades. We must develop strategies to improve the sustainability of our city's current food system and ensure equitable food access for all residents while providing for this changing demand. Our strategies must be flexible enough to address current needs and anticipate the integration of new technology and innovation in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Austin/Travis County Sustainable Food Policy Board recognize that the existing code does not give the City adequate tools to support a sustainable food system and does not align with Imagine Austin goals, and therefore, we do not support Approach #1 (The Brisk Sweep). Furthermore, with regards to Approaches #2 (The Deep Clean) and #3 (The Complete Makeover), we would like to emphasize the importance of integrating the production of and access to healthy sustainable food in both suburban and urban areas.

Date of Approval: October 13th, 2014

Record of the vote: Unanimous on an 11-0 vote

Attest: