

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2013, the Austin Animal Advisory Commission recommended that the City Council pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of bull hooks and other implements and tools designed to inflict pain for the purpose of training and controlling the behavior of elephants in traveling shows and exhibitions in the city limits of Austin, as well as banning the use of chains or other restraining devices on elephants in traveling shows and exhibitions in the city limits of Austin; and

WHEREAS, other cities such as Los Angeles and Oakland, California, Richmond, Virginia, and Atlanta, Georgia have enacted, or are in the process of deliberating, the ban of devices likely to cause physical injury, torment or pain to animals; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20140626-080 directed the City Manager to determine whether the City of Austin has the authority under state and federal law to enact an ordinance banning devices likely to cause physical injury, torment or pain to animals in circuses, and staff provided Council with legal guidance on August 15, 2014; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Manager is directed to draft an ordinance prohibiting devices likely to cause physical injury, torment, or pain to animals in circuses and present it for Council consideration on or before March 5, 2015.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk