

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the stated mission of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is to protect our state's public health and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development; and

WHEREAS, the TCEQ is the regulatory agency that permits the land disposal of treated wastewater in Chapters 222 and 309 of Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code and authorizes the beneficial reuse of treated wastewater in Chapter 210 of Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code ; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of beneficial reuse is to allow utilization of reclaimed wastewater for conservation of surface and ground water, and to ensure an adequate supply of water resources for present and future needs; and

WHEREAS, Central Texas is experiencing rapid population growth that exerts increasing demands on limited surface and ground water supplies; and

WHEREAS, many wastewater treatment facilities permitted for land application also utilize beneficial reuse of reclaimed wastewater in an effort to conserve water supplies, which results in only partial utilization of dedicated land disposal fields; and

WHEREAS, the Watershed Protection Department in conjunction with other Central Texas governmental agencies and wastewater treatment professionals ("Stakeholders"), developed a draft rule to encourage beneficial reuse of treated wastewater. **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council supports beneficial reuse of treated wastewater and the work of the Stakeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council requests TCEQ initiate rulemaking consistent with the draft rule, developed by the Stakeholders, to modify land application of wastewater requirements to authorize reductions in disposal field size and effluent storage requirements when the permit holder utilizes beneficial reuse of treated wastewater.

ADOPTED: _____, 2015

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk