RESOLUTION NO. 20160609-049

WHEREAS, compatibility standards exist within the City of Austin Land Development Code to guide and shape the interface between residential and commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, compatibility standards provide requirements for commercially zoned properties to be built in a manner designed to minimize the impact on residential properties; and

WHEREAS, compatibility standards are thus important tools that protect the quality of life for those who live in residential districts; and

WHEREAS, currently properties in a historic landmark (H) or historic area (HD) combining district do not have to comply with compatibility standards; and

WHEREAS, a recent case at the Board of Adjustment brought attention to this gap in current City Code provisions; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Council initiates a code amendment to remove Section 25-2-1052 (A)(2) from the City Code, thus requiring properties within a historic landmark (H) or historic area (HD) combining district to comply with the City's compatibility standards.
The City Manager is directed to bring this code amendment back to City Council on or before September 22, 2016.

ADOPTED: June 9, 2016  ATTEST: Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk