

Item #59
May 25, 2006

RESOLUTION NO. 20060525-

WHEREAS, the City of Austin provides pharmacy benefits to its employees and retirees, and enters into contracts with pharmacy providers in order to implement such pharmacy benefits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is important to ensure that City employees and retirees will obtain their prescriptions promptly and efficiently when they present prescriptions at a contracted pharmacy; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Manager, or other authorized designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare a policy that requires that any City contract with a pharmacy, or for pharmacy services, includes a provision subject to the foregoing and all applicable law, ensuring that the Pharmacy will not refuse to fill a prescription. In the event an individual pharmacist declines to fill a prescription based on sincerely held religious belief rather than professional judgment, the store's pharmacy manager will take necessary steps to arrange to have the prescription filled in-store, without discrimination or delay (in the normal time frame for filling prescriptions that are in stock).

ADOPTED: May 25, 2006

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry

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