



**Outside Counsel  
CITY OF AUSTIN  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 12  
AGENDA DATE: Thu 03/02/2006  
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**SUBJECT:** Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to an outside contract with Clarion Associates, LLC, Denver, CO, for legal services related to consultation and drafting of new commercial development and design standards for the City, in an amount not to exceed \$51,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$96,000.

**AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Funding in the amount of \$51,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Capital Budget of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department.

**FISCAL NOTE:** A fiscal note is attached.

**REQUESTING Law  
DEPARTMENT:**

**DIRECTOR'S  
AUTHORIZATION: Jennifer Gilchrist**

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**PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION:** N/A

**BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION:** N/A

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On May 12, 2005 the City Council approved a Task Force report on Commercial Design Standards titled "Raising the Design Standards in Austin, Texas". On November 17, 2005 the City Council approved a set of revisions to the Task Force Report.

The City entered into a contract with Clarion Associates, LLC on January 6, 2006 for consulting and for drafting new commercial development and design standards for the City of Austin in the amount of \$45,000. This item is to increase the total amount not to exceed to \$96,000 and will cover the contract through the end of the project.

Clarion Associates, LLC will develop a freestanding design standards ordinance and related graphics and illustrations, develop proposed amendments to the Land Development Code to insure consistency between the design standards and existing code and provide training for staff on the design standards once adopted by the City Council.