

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has identified cultural arts as an essential element to the quality of life of its residents and health of its economy; and

WHEREAS, the Art in Public Places Program (AIPP) has invested more than \$5 million of City resources since 1985 to commission and site art in public places throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Create Austin Plan recommends enhancing and expanding the City's AIPP Program by identifying and securing ongoing funding for the maintenance and preservation of public art; and

WHEREAS, the AIPP ordinance was revised in 2002 to include public art in all new street and streetscape improvement projects, which are now being implemented through the capital improvements program and general bond funds; and

WHEREAS, artists involved in creating and installing public art have experienced difficulties with fees and requirements associated with obtaining City permits; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

That the City Manager is directed to identify barriers experienced by artists working on city-sponsored art projects with members of the arts community, including the Arts Commission, and make recommendations for process improvements for assisting artists participating in city-sponsored art projects, including but not limited to potential fee waivers.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010 **ATTEST:** _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk