

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

Whereas, the goals of the Austin Farmers' Market are to increase the economic vitality of local farms and small businesses; increase awareness, knowledge and action about how to positively impact the Central Texas food system and create vibrant economically and socially diverse city-centered gathering places; and

Whereas, the goals of the Austin Farmer's Market mirror goals and policies established by the city council and expressed in the creation of the Sustainable Food Policy Board, work of the small business development program, and the development of the Downtown Parks and Open Spaces plan; and

Whereas, the Downtown Austin Farmers' Market has seen a 40% increase in the number of attendees since vendors started preparing food on-site using a temporary food establishment permit; and

Whereas, it has been determined that the use of this permit for vendors preparing hot foods on-site may not be an effective system for either the City

of Austin or the vendors as it requires weekly permitting for events that are not single events; and

Whereas, the City of Austin will lose the economic contribution these vendors bring to the farmers' markets including the Downtown Austin Farmers' Market, the Triangle Farmers' Market, and the Hope Farmers' Market; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

That the City Manager be directed to study the policies of other cities in Texas including the cities of Houston and Sunset Valley that deal specifically with farmers' markets, prepare a recommendation including potential code amendments that would permit the preparation and sale of hot foods on site at farmers' market, and bring the recommendation back to council by April 22, 2010.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk