

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AUSTIN TOMORROW
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING THE NORTH LAMAR COMBINED
NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN.**

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

PART 1. FINDINGS.

- (A) In 1979, the City Council adopted the “Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.”
- (B) Article X, Section 5 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to adopt by ordinance additional elements of a comprehensive plan that are necessary or desirable to establish and implement policies for growth, development, and beautification, including neighborhood, community, or area-wide plans.
- (C) In October 2007, an initial survey was distributed to residents in the neighborhood planning area, and subsequent meetings were held with the City of Austin neighborhood planning staff and homeowners, renters, business owners, non-profit organizations and non-resident property owners to prepare a neighborhood plan. The North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan followed a process first outlined by the Citizens’ Planning Committee in 1995, and refined by the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Planning Committee in 1996. The City Council endorsed this approach for neighborhood planning in a 1997 resolution. This process mandated representation of all of the stakeholders in the neighborhood and required active public outreach. The City Council directed the Planning Commission to consider the plan in a 2006 resolution. During the planning process, the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan planning team gathered information and solicited public input through the following means:
- (1) collection of existing data;
 - (2) neighborhood inventory;
 - (3) neighborhood survey;
 - (4) neighborhood workshops; and
 - (5) community-wide meetings.

(D) The North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan recommends action by the neighborhood planning team, the City, and by other agencies to preserve and improve the neighborhood. The North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan has five major goals:

(1) **Quality of Life Goal:** The North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area shall be a safe, healthy, and well-maintained neighborhood that promotes and preserves the quality of life for both residents and business-owners.

(2) **Parks and Trees Goal:** Achieve and maintain healthy, sustainable, functional, quality, safe, and aesthetically-beautiful parks and green spaces that provide opportunities for cultural interactions within the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area.

(3) **Transportation Goal:** Pedestrians, motorists, transit users, bicyclists, and mobility-impaired neighbors should be able to safely and efficiently travel throughout the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area and to the rest of the City.

(4) **Infrastructure Goal:** Develop infrastructure within the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area that upholds the safety of residents and property- and business-owners.

(5) **Land Use Goal:** Create a well-balanced land use pattern that benefits everybody in the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Planning Area by assigning appropriate land uses to particular properties.

(E) The North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan goals are further described in the Introduction of the Plan.

(F) On May 11, 2010, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan, and recommended adoption of the plan by the City Council.

(G) The North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan is appropriate for adoption as an element of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. The North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan furthers the City Council's goal of achieving appropriate, compatible development within the area. The North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan is necessary and desirable to establish and implement policies for growth, development, and beautification in the area.

1 **PART 2. ADOPTION AND DIRECTION.**

- 2 (A) Chapter 5 of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan is amended to add
3 the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan as Section 5-27 of the
4 Comprehensive Plan, as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance, which is
5 incorporated as part of this ordinance.
- 6 (B) The city manager shall prepare zoning cases consistent with the land use
7 recommendations in the Plan.
- 8 (C) The city manager shall provide periodic updates to the City Council on the
9 status of the implementation of the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood
10 Plan.
- 11 (D) The specific provisions of the North Lamar Combined Neighborhood Plan
12 take precedence over any conflicting general provision in the Austin
13 Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

14 **PART 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

15 This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2010.

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18 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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23 Lee Leffingwell
24 Mayor
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27 **APPROVED:** _____
28 David Allan Smith
29 City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk