

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

The City Clerk is directed to prepare for a November 2012 election to submit to the voters a proposed amendment to Article V, Section 6 of the City Charter. The proposed amendment is as follows:

§ 6. CITY ATTORNEY.

There shall be a department of law, the head of which shall be the city attorney, who shall be appointed by the city council [~~manager~~]. The city attorney may be removed at the conclusion of a five-year term of office by a majority of the city council, or during the five-year term by a vote of three-fourths of the city council. The city attorney shall be a competent attorney who shall have practiced law in the State of Texas for at least five (5) years immediately preceding his or her appointment. The city attorney shall be the legal advisor of, and attorney for, the city council and all of the officers and departments of the city, and he or she shall represent the city in all litigation and legal proceedings. He or she shall draft, approve, or file his or her written legal objections to, every ordinance before it is acted upon by the council, and he or she shall pass upon all documents, contracts and legal instruments in which the city may have an interest.

There shall be such assistant city attorneys as may be authorized by the council and appointed by the city attorney [~~manager~~], who shall be authorized to act for and on behalf of the city attorney.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010 **ATTEST:** _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk