

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Austin passed a resolution in October 2009 related to construction worker safety that began a series of efforts to improve construction site safety; and

WHEREAS, rest breaks and provision of drinking water for construction workers are necessary for the health and safety of workers; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations under the Occupational Safety and Health Act include a requirement that drinking water be provided to workers on construction sites; and

WHEREAS, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration currently enforces laws related to construction site safety, including the provision of drinking water; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to work with the City's Legal Department to develop an ordinance requiring (1) rest breaks at regular intervals for construction workers at construction sites within the City, and (2) provision of drinking water for construction workers at construction sites within the City, provided the City has the legal authority to require it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is hereby directed to place the ordinance on the City Council agenda for July 29, 2010, with the provision that it should be immediately effective upon passage.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk