

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, green roofs, as a component of green infrastructure, can conserve energy, mitigate stormwater runoff volume, provide wildlife habitat, and reduce the urban heat island effect; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2009, the City Council directed the City Manager to convene and work with a Green Roof Advisory Group (GRAG) to explore the feasibility of offering energy and stormwater credits and other incentives, based on performance, to encourage the creation of green roofs in the City; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2010, GRAG presented their final report to Council, which included recommendations regarding credits and incentives that would be appropriate for promoting green roofs in Austin; and

WHEREAS, other cities such as Portland and Chicago have density bonus programs in place that offer green roofs as a public benefit option for increased entitlements; and

WHEREAS, GRAG requested an extension to initiate the implementation of the group's recommendations regarding outreach and education, design considerations, and existing and proposed development incentives outlined in the Five-Year Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the need for continued GRAG activities to complement future staff efforts and most effectively promote green roofs in the City; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The Green Roof Advisory Group (GRAG) is hereby extended until October 28, 2011.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to work with GRAG to support the Five-Year Plan by providing staff assistance for and review of:

1. A downtown density bonus proposal by the end of December, 2010;
2. Green roof performance standards by the end of April, 2011; and
3. Publication of web support materials by the end of August, 2011.

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

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk