

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, the “McMansion” ordinance, adopted by the City Council in 2006 and codified in City Code Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F, established the Residential Design and Compatibility Commission (“RDCC”) to consider waivers from certain McMansion requirements in order to ensure a smooth transition to the new regulations; and

WHEREAS, from January 2013 through December 2014, the RDCC has been asked to consider very few cases:

- 12 were cases heard in 2013 and 14 cases heard in 2014; and
- four monthly meetings cancelled due to no cases in 2013 and two meetings canceled in 2014; and

WHEREAS, due to the minimal case load, the associated overhead to maintain RDCC is an unnecessary use of resources, both of staff time and volunteer commissioners; and

WHEREAS, variances to the regulations is available through the Board of Adjustments process in cases of hardship; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council initiates amendments to City Code Chapters 2-1 and 25-2 to eliminate the Residential Design & Compatibility Commission and the associated waiver process from regulations codified in Chapter 25-2, Subchapter F. The City Manager is directed to process the ordinance and present it the City Council for consideration as soon as reasonably practicable.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk