RESOLUTION NO. 20190328-042

WHEREAS, craft beer breweries are a growing market segment in Texas with almost 300 breweries operating or under development in the state during 2018; and

WHEREAS, there are more breweries within Austin's city limits than any other city in Texas; and

WHEREAS, craft beer breweries are shown to contribute to tourism and economic growth in commercial districts where breweries are located; and

WHEREAS, the ability to sell to-go retail product directly to customers would create a significant revenue stream for small independent breweries, helping them to be more financially viable and increasing their economic impact on communities in which they operate; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that adding support for such a change to Texas law to its legislative priorities is in the best interest of the City and its residents; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Council supports a change to Texas law that would allow retail to-go sales by manufacturing breweries, adds this support to its legislative priorities and agenda, and encourages the Texas legislature and broader community to support enabling legislation.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Mayor and the City Manager are specifically authorized to sign any and all letters, petitions, and/or other documents on behalf of the City in order to promote the City's support of changing Texas law to allow retail to-go sales by breweries.

ADOPTED: March 28, 2019

ATTEST: [Signature]

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk