ORDINANCE NO. 20050728-010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-2-35 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO CANDIDATE FORUMS.

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

PART 1. Section 2-2-35 of the Code is amended to read:

§ 2-2-35 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR CAMPAIGN CONTRACT.

- (A) [Candidate forums.] Each candidate who has entered into a campaign contract must participate in a series of candidate forums [to be produced for public access television], whether or not the candidate qualifies for matching funds.
- (B) The Ethics Review Commission shall produce not fewer than [At least] three forums [shall be produced] for each contested race as follows:
 - (1) one forum must air on public access television; and
 - (2) other forums may be produced and made available to the public by radio, broadcast, publication on the Internet, or other means approved by the commission.
- (C) The City shall make recordings of audio or video [In addition: (A) videotapes of the candidate] forums [shall be made] available to the public at all branches of the City library. [;]
- (D) [(B)] The City may purchase advertising promoting the candidate forums.

 [may be purchased by the City on commercial television stations and in the daily circulation newspapers in the City; and]
- (E) [(C)] The [the] Ethics Review Commission shall establish [be responsible for establishing] equitable guidelines to coordinate and produce [for] the coordination and production of candidate forums.

PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on	August 8, 2005.
PASSED AND APPROVED	
APPROVED: David Allan Smith City Attorney	Will Wynn Mayor ATTEST: Whirley A. Brown City Clerk