ORDINANCE NO. 20120405-007

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 SCHEDULE OF FEES, FINES, AND OTHER CHARGES (ORDINANCE NO. 20110912-007) TO REDUCE THE FEE FOR BILLBOARD REGISTRATION.

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

PART 1. Findings.

(A) The City has the authority, pursuant to its police power and Chapter 216 of the Texas Local Government Code, to regulate non-conforming off-premise signs (commonly referred to as "billboards").

(B) As reflected in Resolution No. 20071108-128, Council previously found that the City's ability to enforce billboard regulations has been hampered. In Ordinance No. 20080605-076, the Council reiterated the City's requirement to register billboards.

(C) The Council finds that it is necessary to require registration of billboards for effective enforcement of all current non-conforming off-premise sign regulations.

(D) The Council finds that billboard registration information must, at a minimum, be collected and verified. The Council further finds, as part of the billboard registration program, that the City should conduct on-site inspections of billboards to verify that the information provided by the registrant is accurate and up-to-date.

(E) At this time, the Council finds that the City's costs are $190 per sign per year. This finding is based on the "cost of service" study completed in 2011 by an outside entity.

PART 2. The 2011-12 Fee Schedule attached as Exhibit "A" to Ordinance No. 20110912-007 is amended to reduce the "Billboard Registration Fee" to $190 for the Code Compliance Department, as follows:

	Approved 2010-11	**Approved 2011-12**	**Change**
Code Compliance Department – General Fund			
Billboard Registration Fee	$200 once a year	$190 [~~200~~] once a year	($10)

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on April 16, 2012.

PASSED AND APPROVED

April 5, 2012 §
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Mayor

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City Clerk