

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin maintains a goal to promote healthy outdoor air for all Austin residents; and

WHEREAS, according to the City's 2010 State of Our Environment Report, approximately 47% of the region's emissions emanate from on-road mobile sources and point source emissions account for approximately 23%; and

WHEREAS, While Austin-area average ozone levels have regularly decreased since 2001, the Austin-Round Rock MSA 2010 ozone design value of 74 parts per billion (ppb) barely meets the Federal 2008 8-hour Ozone Standard of a maximum of 75 ppb; and

WHEREAS, the US Environmental Protection Agency continues to consider reducing maximum ozone emissions to between 60 and 70 ppb, a restriction which the Austin-Round Rock MSA would be unable to meet; and

WHEREAS, the City partners with regional entities like Capital Area Council of Government's Clean Air Coalition, Clean Air Force of Central Texas, and Central Texas Clean Cities to reduce ozone-forming and other vehicular emissions and to mitigate the urban heat island effect; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's air pollution regulations (Chapter 6-1) currently only cover ozone-depleting chemicals, asbestos, and motor vehicle idling, and a comprehensive air quality ordinance will help the City continue to improve overall air quality for our residents; and

WHEREAS, the following large Texas cities have incorporated comprehensive air pollution and contaminants enforcement and abatement mechanisms into their City Code: City of Houston (Chapter 21, Article 6), City of Dallas (Chapter 5A), City of San Antonio (Section 26, Article 2), and City of El Paso (Chapter 9.36); **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to provide recommendations for a comprehensive air quality ordinance consistent with Chapter 382 of the Texas Health and Safety Code to control and abate air pollution and emissions of air contaminants from both permanent and temporary emissions sources within the City of Austin's jurisdiction.

The City Manager is directed to consult with stakeholder groups and then provide recommendations for an enforcement mechanism, an implementation timeline, and any necessary funding requirements needed to ensure proper implementation.

The City Manager is directed to make his recommendations, which should include a draft comprehensive air quality ordinance, to City Council by August 16, 2012.