

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AUSTIN TOMORROW
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BY ADOPTING THE ST. JOHN/CORONADO HILLS
COMBINED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN.**

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

PART 1. FINDINGS.

- (A) In 1979, the City Council adopted the "Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan."
- (B) Article X, Section 5 of the City Charter authorizes the City Council to adopt by ordinance additional elements of a comprehensive plan that are necessary or desirable to establish and implement policies for growth, development, and beautification, including neighborhood, community, or area-wide plans.
- (C) In 2009, an initial survey was distributed to residents in the neighborhood planning area, and subsequent meetings were held with the City of Austin neighborhood planning staff and homeowners, renters, business owners, non-profit organizations and non-resident property owners to prepare a neighborhood plan. The St. John/Coronado Hills Combined Neighborhood Plan followed a process first outlined by the Citizens' Planning Committee in 1995, and refined by the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Planning Committee in 1996. The City Council endorsed this approach for neighborhood planning in a 1997 resolution. This process mandated representation of all of the stakeholders in the neighborhood and required active public outreach. The City Council directed the Planning Commission to consider the plan in a 2006 resolution. During the planning process, the St. John/Coronado Hills Combined Neighborhood Plan planning team gathered information and solicited public input through the following means:
- (1) collection of existing data;
 - (2) neighborhood inventory;
 - (3) neighborhood survey;
 - (4) neighborhood workshops; and
 - (5) neighborhood open houses.
- (D) The St. John/Coronado Hills Combined Neighborhood Plan recommends action by the neighborhood planning team, the City, and by other agencies to

1 preserve and improve the neighborhood. The vision statement and goals of
2 the St. John/Coronado Hills Combined Neighborhood Plan are as follows:

3 (1) Vision Statement

- 4 • An improved quality of life in the community.
- 5 • Transportation options that allow residents to move easily and
6 efficiently throughout the community.
- 7 • Services and amenities that accommodate the diverse needs of
8 St. John/Coronado Hills residents.
- 9 • Land use patterns that respect existing neighborhood character.
- 10 • Environmental amenities, such as parks and tree canopy, which
11 enhance the beauty of the community and provide recreational
12 opportunities.
- 13 • Opportunities for physical recreation through additional
14 parkland and an improved pedestrian and bicycle environment.

15 (2) Goals

16 Community Life Goal: Promote a community of involved citizens
17 that strives to achieve a safe, healthy, well-maintained and livable
18 neighborhood for all.

19 Parks, Trees, and Environment Goal: Increase and enhance
20 recreational opportunities in the St. John/Coronado Hills Combined
21 Neighborhood Plan Area ("SJCHCNPA") by acquiring new parkland,
22 adding amenities to existing parks, creating community gardens,
23 planting trees and protecting the ecological assets of the community.

24 Transportation Goal: Improve the existing transportation system to
25 provide pedestrians, motorists, transit users, and bicyclists of all ages
26 and physical abilities the opportunity to travel safely and efficiently
27 throughout the SJCHCNPA and to the rest of the City.

28 Land Use Goal: Promote a land use pattern that benefits everybody in
29 the SJCHCNPA by enhancing neighborhood character, sense of
30 community, pedestrian-friendliness and connectivity to neighborhood-
31 serving amenities.

- 1 (E) The St. John/Coronado Hills Combined Neighborhood Plan goals are further
2 described in the Plan Summary Chapter of the Plan.
- 3 (F) On January 24, 2012, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on the
4 St. John/Coronado Hills Combined Neighborhood Plan, and recommended
5 adoption of the plan by the City Council.
- 6 (G) The St. John/Coronado Hills Combined Neighborhood Plan is appropriate
7 for adoption as an element of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.
8 The St. John/Coronado Hills Combined Neighborhood Plan furthers the City
9 Council's goal of achieving appropriate, compatible development within the
10 area. The St. John/Coronado Hills Combined Neighborhood Plan is
11 necessary and desirable to establish and implement policies for growth,
12 development, and beautification in the area.

13 **PART 2. ADOPTION AND DIRECTION.**

- 14 (A) Chapter 5 of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan is amended to add
15 the St. John/Coronado Hills Combined Neighborhood Plan as Section 5-32
16 of the Comprehensive Plan, as set forth in Exhibit A to this ordinance, which
17 is incorporated as part of this ordinance.
- 18 (B) The city manager shall prepare zoning cases consistent with the land use
19 recommendations in the Plan.
- 20 (C) The city manager shall provide periodic updates to the City Council on the
21 status of the implementation of the St. John/Coronado Hills Combined
22 Neighborhood Plan.
- 23 (D) The specific provisions of the St. John/Coronado Hills Combined
24 Neighborhood Plan take precedence over any conflicting general provision
25 in the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

PART 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2012.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2012

Lee Leffingwell
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
Karen M. Kennard
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk