

RESOLUTION NO. 20120426-082

WHEREAS, the City of Austin continues to be one of the nation's most desirable destinations for festivals, conferences, and events; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is committed to encouraging alternative modes of transportation as a means of reducing traffic congestion and promoting healthy lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 20081218-075 specified that City sponsored events would be conducted in an environmentally sustainable manner and established a stakeholder process; and

WHEREAS, one specific goal within the adopted resolution addressed minimizing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the stakeholder process resulted in City Council adopting Resolution 20091022-040 which implemented recycling at City sponsored events and established minimum standards for trash, recycling, and composting utilizing City-developed guidelines and support; and

WHEREAS, Austin Resource Recovery staff has applied these waste-related standards for more than one full year of City sponsored events in order to identify best practices, better understand associated costs, and ultimately bring forward a City ordinance in late 2012; and

WHEREAS, event organizers have also made progress on some of the goals related to transportation established during the stakeholder processes; and

WHEREAS, providing bicycle parking at and near event sites may encourage more people to use that form of transportation and help alleviate traffic congestion that occurs around large events, especially in the downtown area; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

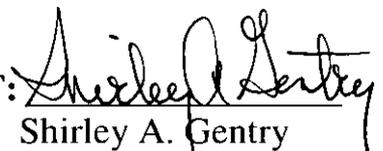
The City Manager is directed to assess implementation of bicycle parking at all City sponsored events on City public rights of way and city facilities for which the city waives rental fees. The assessment should consider funding for the bicycle parking/end-use facilities, the number of spaces to be provided as related to the size of the event, and the role of City staff in coordinating with events to implement this policy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide Council with a status update by May 16, 2012.

ADOPTED: April 26, 2012

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk