

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, using reclaimed water protects the drinking water supply, recycles water, and saves money; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Water Utility developed its Water Reclamation Initiative as an integral element of our water conservation program and currently saves 1.2 billion gallons of drinking water a year; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department has installed reclaimed water irrigation systems in some of its facilities such as golf courses and ball fields; and

WHEREAS, the proposed increase for reclaimed water rates will severely impact operating expenses for these facilities and ultimately the Parks and Recreation Department budget; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Golf Advisory recommended the City examine the impact of increased reclaimed water rates on city departments and discuss whether there should be a difference between rates charged to city departments and system-wide rates; and

WHEREAS, irrigation of these parkland facilities is necessary in order to maintain them as a community resource; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to develop reclaimed water rates for parkland use and present them to the Water and Wastewater commission and provide them for consideration as part of the FY2014 fee structure.

ADOPTED: _____, 2013 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk