

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, as the Live Music Capital of the World, Austin is home to more than 100 live music venues and countless working musicians; and

WHEREAS, musicians often depend on the ability to quickly load and unload their equipment and instruments in front of the venues where they are playing; and

WHEREAS, City Code §12-5-6, Vehicle Loading or Unloading Musical Equipment, allows musicians to load or unload musical equipment for use in a live performance via a placard system, but the process to receive a placard is dependent on the venue and is not entirely clear; and

WHEREAS, recent changes to parking on 6th Street have reduced the available places where musicians can load and unload, and have created inconsistent communication and enforcement of where musicians are allowed to load and unload on 6th Street; and

WHEREAS, it is unclear how proposed changes to the streetscape on E. 6th Street will affect musician loading and unloading; and

WHEREAS, while alleys sometimes provide an alternative to loading or unloading directly in front of a venue, they are not always a feasible alternative; and

WHEREAS, the Music Commission has discussed the burden that these difficulties are placing on working musicians, and has created a working group to make recommendations to resolve this issue; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to work with the Music Commission and other stakeholders to make recommendations to Council on musician loading and unloading zones, code amendments, or any other changes to resolve this situation, as well as a communication plan for venues downtown, and report them back to Council by September 1, 2014.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk