



## **MEMORANDUM**

### **Austin Police Department *Office of the Chief***

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**FROM:** Art Acevedo, Chief of Police

**DATE:** August 20, 2014

**SUBJECT:** CIUR 1346

On July 15, 2014, staff delivered a copy of resolution 20140626-080 to University of Texas Police Chief David Carter via email.

On July 30, 2014, I held a conference call with Chief Carter to discuss the resolution and to reiterate the City of Austin's commitment to the well-being of circus animals. Chief Carter assured me that the University of Texas is equally committed to the health and safety of circus animals and will fully apply Texas Penal Code Section 42.09 (Cruelty to Animals) to any and all events that fall under their jurisdiction.

The Legal Department is currently researching whether the City has the authority to prohibit specific devices within City of Austin limits and will bring that information forward to Mayor and Council.

**cc:** Marc Ott, City Manager  
Michael McDonald, Deputy City Manager