

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	<b>Item ID</b>	36125	<b>Agenda Number</b>	41.
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<b>Meeting Date:</b>	8/28/2014	<b>Department:</b>	Austin Police Department
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**Subject**

Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-1-34 of the City Code to prohibit use of a portable electronic device by hand while operating a motor vehicle or bicycle, and creating an offense.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

**Fiscal Note**

<b>Purchasing Language:</b>	
<b>Prior Council Action:</b>	On February 27, 2014, the City Council approved resolution 20140227-045 directing the City Manager to form a Distracted Driving Study Group to develop recommendations to modify the current ordinance. On August 7, 2014, the City Council approved resolution 20140807-110 directing the City Manager to draft an ordinance related to distracting driving.
<b>For More Information:</b>	Brian Manley, APD Assistant Chief   974-5030 or Bianca Bentzin, Law Department Division Chief   974-2151   or David Douglas, Law Department Assistant City Attorney   974-2667
<b>Boards and Commission Action:</b>	At the August 2014 Public Safety Commission meeting, the Commission voted 4-1 to support the recommendations of the Distracted Driving Study Group. The Austin Community Technology & Telecommunication Commission received a briefing about the recommendations at their August 2014 meeting.
<b>MBE / WBE:</b>	
<b>Related Items:</b>	

**Additional Backup Information**

This ordinance is being brought forth for Mayor and Council's consideration per resolution 20140807-110.