

Late Backup

Item #80

9/25/2014

Initiated by CM Riley

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Austin is known as the Live Music Capital of the World; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin supports and seeks to protect the activities and livelihood of Street Performers engaging in Street Performances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin recognizes the cultural importance of Street Performers and Buskers, and seeks to cultivate and protect their artistic contribution to our community; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition on solicitation has been a priority, and any proposed ordinance must balance those needs with allowing Street Performances; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance must also balance the needs of residents and businesses to assure that busking does not undermine quality of life of those nearby, but complements it in the spirit of a city where street performers have yet another way to present their craft to the public; and

WHEREAS, as both the Music Commission and the Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association point out, several of Austin's peer cities, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, and Nashville, have done a good job in creating a regulated governance of street performances in the public realm; **NOW**

THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to process amendments to the City Code that authorize street performers and buskers on public right-of-way and to bring the proposed amendments to City Council for adoption by November 20, 2014. The proposed amendments should consider Austin Music Commission Recommendation Number 20140804-004 "Street Performers & the Art of Busking" and concerns raised by other stakeholders including, but not limited to, the Downtown Austin Neighborhood Association.

ADOPTED: _____, 2014

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk