

RESOLUTION NO. 20141120-105

WHEREAS, the City of Austin unanimously approved the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan on June 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan names the revision of Austin's development regulations and processes to promote a compact and connected city as a Priority Program; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2013, the City Council awarded a contract to rewrite the Land Development Code to Opticos Design; and

WHEREAS, since Opticos Design has begun its work, the Council has initiated several amendments to the Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Code rewrite is estimated to be completed in 2017 or later; and

WHEREAS, the Code Diagnosis document produced by Opticos Design identifies a variety of issues with the Land Development Code which are contributing to Austin's lack of housing diversity, cumbersome development process, auto-dependent development, and ultimately its lack of household affordability; and

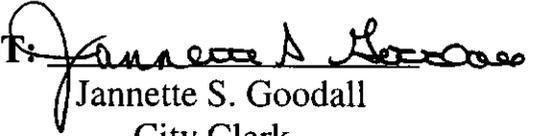
WHEREAS, due to Austin's urgent need for greater household affordability, Code amendments could be initiated to address some of these issues in the interim, before the full Land Development Code rewrite is complete; and

WHEREAS, having some input from Opticos Design on interim Land Development Code amendments could help ensure that the amendments are conceptually in accordance with the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and the new Code; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to work with Opticos Design on interim Council and Planning Commission initiated amendments to the Land Development Code so that those amendments further the City's progress toward the goal of implementing the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan.

ADOPTED: November 20, 2014

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk