

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin is committed to providing a safe environment for children riding school buses to and from school; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Child Safety Program assists elementary school children across major intersections and streets on their way to and from school; and

**WHEREAS**, recent efforts have included reducing speed limits around schools, increasing Austin Police Department presence near bus stops to enforce the current criminal laws in place, and enhancing citizen awareness about the need to follow these traffic rules; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the City's ongoing programs and new initiatives, motor vehicles continue to illegally pass school buses actively loading and unloading students, thereby endangering students and other road users; and

**WHEREAS**, several cities have implemented systems utilizing multiple cameras and real-time analysis to issue civil penalties to those who violate the law; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes a program providing for photographic enforcement and administrative adjudication of school bus stop arm violations and imposition of civil fines for those violations could reduce the number of motor vehicles unlawfully passing a stopped school bus, furthering public health, safety and welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20121108-049 directed the City Manager to study the feasibility of a new civil penalty ordinance for unlawfully passing a stopped school bus; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to return to council with an ordinance for consideration that creates a civil penalty for unlawfully passing a school bus in time for enactment by the beginning of the 2015-2016 public school term.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk