



RESOLUTION OF THE AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOODS COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REGARDING THE SPECIAL EVENTS ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the Special Events Ordinance (SEO) will affect every neighborhood in Austin; and

WHEREAS, the SEO is highly interdependent on deadlines and requirements in the sound and street closure ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the sound and street closure ordinances are not included in the scope of the SEO stakeholder process, which could result in inconsistencies and conflicts in the ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the SEO lacks clarity on the specific criteria (traffic, parking, noise, trash, banner plane advertising, etc.) that will be used to determine the impact area for events; and

WHEREAS, the proposed application and notification timelines for small and medium size events could leave affected parties, neighborhoods, and businesses with insufficient time to provide input on and prepare for these events; and

WHEREAS, the SEO does not include a process for affected parties, neighborhoods, and businesses to meet with event producers to prepare for and mitigate the negative impacts of events; and

WHEREAS, large capacity venues such as F1, Frank Erwin Center, and Darrell K Royal Memorial Stadium are excluded from the SEO; and

WHEREAS, the SEO does not address the impact of concurrent and frequent events in areas of the City where most events occur;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Austin Neighborhoods Council (ANC) Executive Committee hereby petitions the Austin City Council to postpone action on the SEO and direct the City Manager to give stakeholders additional time to address the issues listed above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Council direct the City Manager to expand the scope of the SEO stakeholder group to include the sound and street closure ordinances.

Presented to ANC Executive Committee: November 10, 2014

Executive Committee Approved: November 12, 2014

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