

A Resolution

NO. _____

AMENDING THE CITY OF FORT WORTH'S 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the 83rd Session of the Texas Legislature having convened on January 8, 2013, and filing of legislative bills began November 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, each biennium, staff seeks input from the Mayor and Council, the City Manager's Office, City staff, and members of the Legislative delegation representing the City regarding legislative issues that affect the City and the way in which it conducts its business; and

WHEREAS, based upon the input received, proposed legislative initiatives are then taken to the City Council Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee for discussion and analysis; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee has recommended adding the following to the City's formal State Legislative program:

Seek Legislation on:

Worker's Compensation (HB2249/SB1077)-relating to the provision of lifetime income benefits under the workers' compensation system

Fort Worth Transportation Authority (HB2536)-relating to the composition of certain regional transportation authority sub-regional boards

Support Legislation on:

Police/Animal Encounter Training (SB1358)-relating to statewide animal encounter training for police officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

That the City Council:

- 1. Adopts the proposed additions above to be included in the 2013 State Legislative Program, and**
- 2. Authorizes and directs the City Manager to distribute copies of the City's**



2013 State Legislative program to members of the Texas Legislature, to other cities, and other interested parties; and

3. Authorizes and directs the appropriate City officials to send letters of support or to meet with legislators or state officials to discuss the City's position on the above initiatives; and

4. Authorizes and directs the City's Government Relations staff and the City's state legislative consultants to take the appropriate actions to advance the additions to the 2013 State Legislative Program before the Texas Legislature, the Administration and corresponding state agencies.

Adopted this _____ day of _____ 2013.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Mary Kayser, City Secretary

