

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 9-2-3(A) TO EXTEND THE HOURS A PERSON CAN OPERATE MACHINERY THAT SEPARATES, GATHERS, GRADES, LOADS, OR UNLOADS SAND, ROCK OR GRAVEL WITHIN 600 FEET OF A RESIDENCE, CHURCH, HOSPITAL, HOTEL, OR MOTEL FOR THE BUILDING DEMOLITION AND EXCAVATION PHASES OF THE AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER LOCATED AT 500 EAST CESAR CHAVEZ STREET.

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

PART 1. FINDINGS. The Council finds the following:

1. The City has grown rapidly into a top ten preferred convention destination since the Austin Convention Center opened in 1992 and was expanded in 2002.
2. However, the existing Convention Center has insufficient space to accommodate the growth in event demand at the Convention Center.
3. The City has been working on the redevelopment and expansion of the existing Convention Center located at 500 East Cesar Chavez Street (“Project”) and is close to starting construction activities for the Project.
4. The Project will create an increased level of noise and truck hauling activity in the surrounding area. The amount of construction noise and truck hauling activity will be at its highest levels during the demolition and excavation phases of the Project.
5. Without this extension of hours for construction machinery, an additional four months could be added to the construction schedule for the Project and as a result, prolong the Project’s impact to the neighboring businesses, hotels and residences.
6. The impact these activities will have on neighboring businesses, hotels and residences can be minimized by extending the hours of operation a person can operate construction machinery.
7. Because of the impact to the surrounding area, extending the hours a person can operate construction machinery is in the interest of public health, safety and welfare.

