

**Resolution:**  
**asking Houston City Council to**  
**repeal the newsrack ordinance.**

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1. Whereas, City Council adopted an ordinance on February 14, 2007 that will require all newsracks (boxes) on city right-of-way to be a designated material, size and color in the downtown by January 2008 and citywide by January 2009;
2. Whereas, All publications will also be required to pay a \$300 fee to put boxes on the streets plus \$5 per box;
3. Whereas, The newsrack law seems to be justified by an exaggerated concern for safety and orderliness without thought about the loss of editorial diversity and affordable advertising opportunities for small businesses;
4. Whereas, The cost of the new boxes and the fees and limits on locations will force many publications to shut down;
5. Whereas, The imposition of needless costs on small publications means that the city has undermined the First Amendment rights of Houstonians; be it

**RESOLVED**, That this organization calls upon city council to repeal the newsrack ordinance in its entirety.

***Adopted by:***

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