

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE FINDING THAT CITY BOARD AND COMMISSION BYLAWS MUST BE UPDATED TO REFLECT CURRENT STATE LAW AND CITY PROCEDURES REGARDING OPEN MEETINGS AND TO INCORPORATE CHANGES MADE TO CHAPTER 2-1 (CITY BOARDS) IN ORDINANCE NO. 20250227-004; FINDING THAT SUCH AN UPDATE IS BEST DONE SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR ALL CITY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS SUBJECT TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 2-1 (CITY BOARDS); WAIVING SUBSECTION (2) OF CITY CODE SECTION 2-1-8 (COUNCIL AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE) AND SUBSECTION (B) OF CITY CODE SECTION 2-1-44 (MEETING PROCEDURES); AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO BOARD AND COMMISSION BYLAWS, AGENDAS, AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICES.

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

PART 1. Findings

City Council finds that due to recent changes in Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (*Open Meetings*), in City procedures regarding the conduct of open meetings, and in City Code Chapter 2-1 (City Boards) by Ordinance No. 20250227-004, certain sections of the standard board bylaws used by the over 70 City boards and commissions subject to City Code Chapter 2-1 are outdated and should be amended to accurately reflect and align with current state and City laws and procedures.

City Council further finds that following the regular procedure to separately amend each board's or commission's bylaws - in which each board or commission votes to adopt bylaws amendments and sends the proposed amendments to the Council Audit and Finance Committee for review and recommendation to the full Council, with final approval and adoption by Council - will be inefficient and time-consuming, and could result in boards and commissions adopting different versions of the amendments, leading to inconsistency and possible confusion as to board and commission meeting and other requirements; and that therefore it is preferable to authorize a blanket change to the bylaws rather than individual, board-by-board bylaws amendments.

PART 2. The amendments to the standard board bylaws are provided in **Exhibit A**, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance, and include changes necessary to accurately reflect and align the standard bylaws with current state law and City procedures regarding open meetings as well as City Code Chapter 2-1 (City Boards) as amended by Ordinance No. 20250227-004.

Council Meeting Backup: November 20, 2025

PART 3. Council waives the requirements of Subsection (2) of City Code Section 2-1-8 (*Council Audit and Finance Committee*) and that part of Subsection (B) of City Code Section 2-1-44 (*Meeting Procedures*) regarding review of bylaws amendments by the Council Audit and Finance Committee and authorizes the City Clerk to make the necessary amendments to all board and commission bylaws conforming with **Exhibit A** without the need for review and recommendation by the Council Audit and Finance Committee. The City Clerk is also authorized to make related changes as needed to all agendas and notices for City board and commission meetings.

PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2025.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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_____, 2025

Kirk Watson
Mayor

APPROVED:

Deborah Thomas
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Erika Brady
City Clerk