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Council Meeting Backup: November 20, 2025

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of the standard board bylaws used by the over 70 City boards and commissions subject to City Code Chapter 2-1 are outdated and should be amended to accurately reflect and align with current state and City laws and procedures.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.

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8 (Council Audit and Finance Committee) Section 2-1-44 (Meeting Procedures) rega Council Audit and Finance Committee and necessary amendments to all board and co- without the need for review and recommen	mmission bylaws conforming with Exhibit A dation by the Council Audit and Finance zed to make related changes as needed to all	
PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on, 2025.		
PASSED AND APPROVED		
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	Kirk Watson Mayor	
APPROVED:	ATTEST:	
Deborah Thomas	Erika Brady	
City Attorney	City Clerk	