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25 the resources available to assist residents in complying with this requirement;
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27 **WHEREAS**, the City intends to collaborate with relevant stakeholders to
28 implement an effective and efficient system for microchipping pets, ensuring
29 accessibility, affordability, and compliance; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

30 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

31 The City Council directs the City Manager to initiate a code amendment
32 which requires microchipping for all pet animals within the boundaries of the
33 City of Austin with a non-criminal enforcement mechanism which prioritizes
34 compliance through education and services; and

35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

36 The City Council directs the City Manager to ensure that all Animal
37 Protection Officers and vehicles, all Austin Police Stations, all Austin Fire
38 Stations, all Austin Recreation Centers, and all Austin Public Libraries are
39 outfitted with microchip scanners; and

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

41 The City Council directs the City Manager to train an appropriate number
42 of employees at all microchip locations to scan microchips as needed for the
43 public; and

44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

45 The City Council directs the City Manager to develop and implement a
46 public education program which educates citizens on the microchip requirement,
47 its enforcement mechanisms, and the availability of free microchip services
48 throughout the City; and

49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

50 The City Council directs the City Manager to coordinate with the Animal
51 Services Office to inspect Austin Animal Center policies, processes, and general
52 staff practices, and to eliminate all such processes, policies, and general staff
53 practices which would limit the application of the mandatory microchipping
54 program or any other standard no-kill sheltering support practice which complies
55 with national sheltering and no-kill standards in line with the goals of the City;
56 and

57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

58 The City Council directs the City Manager to coordinate with the Animal
59 Services Office to inspect the administrative policies, processes, and
60 administrative staff practices, and to eliminate all such policies, processes, and
61 administrative staff practices which limit administrative staff from complying
62 with the mandatory microchipping program and any other standard no-kill
63 administrative practice which complies with national sheltering and no-kill
64 standards in line with the goals of the City; and

65 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

66 The City Council directs the City Manager to coordinate with the Animal
67 Services Office to inspect the veterinary policies, processes, and veterinary staff
68 practices, and to eliminate all such policies, processes, and veterinary staff
69 practices which limit veterinarians from complying with the mandatory
70 microchipping program and any other standard no-kill veterinary practice which
71 complies with national veterinary and no-kill standards in line with the goals of
72 the City; and

75 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

76 The City Council directs the City Manager to coordinate with the Animal
77 Services Office to inspect the volunteer/foster staff policies, processes, and
78 volunteer/foster staff practices, and to eliminate all such policies, processes, and
79 volunteer/foster staff practices which limit volunteer/foster staff from complying
80 with the mandatory microchipping program and any other standard no-kill
81 volunteer/foster staff practice which complies with national volunteer/foster and
82 no-kill standards in line with the goals of the City; and

83 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

84 The City Council directs the City Manager to return to the City Council with
85 an update at Work Session by November 28, 2023. The update should contain the
86 following: a draft ordinance for Council consideration; a status report on the
87 implementation of microchipping services; and a summary of planned and
88 completed process and policy evaluations with any related proposed changes.

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90 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____

91 Myrna Rios
92 City Clerk
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