

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

2 **WHEREAS**, children in the foster care system need more than just a  
3 system; they need a network that provides comprehensive support and care; and

4 **WHEREAS**, Foster Village, founded in Austin, Texas, in 2016, is a  
5 community-driven non-profit organization led by experienced foster parents, child  
6 development experts, child welfare advocates, and diverse professionals dedicated  
7 to empowering and supporting foster families; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Foster Village bridges the gap between families experiencing  
9 foster care—who often feel tired, alone, and unsupported—and the community  
10 who want to help vulnerable children; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Foster Village’s current resource centers provide essential  
12 items such as clothing, car seats, toiletries, and other necessities in a trauma-  
13 informed, developmentally appropriate, and home-like environment, ensuring that  
14 children placed with families have the support they need from day one; and

15 **WHEREAS**, a new Foster Village resource center is proposed to be located  
16 at or near 10505 and 10545 Dessau Road (“Dessau Road Property”) that currently  
17 includes at least one single-family structure that can be repurposed for a resource  
18 center that will provide a safe, communal space for foster families and create a  
19 nurturing environment where children and caregivers can access essential  
20 resources and feel supported during their journey through the foster care system;  
21 and

22 **WHEREAS**, this resource center is essential for expanding their operations  
23 to meet practical needs, provide holistic support, and build an ecosystem of support

24 that aims to ensure no family or child in the foster care system feels isolated or  
25 neglected; and

26 **WHEREAS**, Foster Village’s use of the Dessau Road Property will also  
27 offer opportunities for the Austin community to volunteer and actively participate  
28 in enriching the quality of life for children and families in foster care, encouraging  
29 a stronger, more engaged community dedicated to the well-being of its most  
30 vulnerable members; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

32 City Council initiates rezoning for the Dessau Road Property from single  
33 family residence standard lot (SF-2) district zoning and townhouse and  
34 condominium residence (SF-6) district zoning to a commercial base zoning district  
35 or other appropriate base zoning district.

36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

37 The City Manager is directed to make recommendations for a program that  
38 would facilitate City-initiated rezoning for properties that can be repurposed for  
39 other uses to serve entities that provide community service.

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41 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Myrna Rios  
City Clerk