

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, Austin City Council intends to invest in improving public safety and security in City parks while ensuring the protection of civil liberties;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to develop a Parks Security Implementation Plan (“Implementation Plan”) to improve public safety and security in City parks and recreation lands and facilities (“parks”). The Implementation Plan shall be informed by the expertise of professional City staff, including leadership of Austin Parks and Recreation and Austin Police, and shall use the July 2025 Parks and Recreation Department Security Audit Findings and Recommendations Report (“Security Audit”) as a foundational resource. The Implementation Plan shall establish, at a minimum: planned operational and capital improvements, priority locations, responsible parties, funding mechanisms, and implementation timelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to acquire, deploy, and activate equipment to improve parks security and safety, per the Security Audit, Implementation Plan, or both, potentially including but not limited to, security cameras, non-recording drones as first responders, lighting, access control/fencing/gates, signage and wayfinding, and radio communication systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Any surveillance technology sought must be acquired, deployed, and used in full compliance with all requirements of Ordinance No. 20260423-029, codified at City Code Chapter 2-19 and known as the “TRUST Act.” The City Manager shall not consider acquisition of any camera or drone system that depends upon artificial

intelligence to conduct surveillance or analysis. Parks with a history of violent crime shall be prioritized for the initial deployment of this equipment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall provide a progress update on the direction given in this Resolution to the Council Climate, Water, Environment, and Parks Committee no later than December 9, 2026.

ADOPTED: _____, 2026

ATTEST: _____
Erika Brady
City Clerk