

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-5 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES TO REMOVE THE AUSTIN WATER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND ADD A CLIMATE, WATER, ENVIRONMENT, AND PARKS COMMITTEE AND AN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE, TO UPDATE THE SUBJECT MATTER OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES, AND TO ADD ADDITIONAL STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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

PART 1. City Code Section 2-5-103 (*Council Committees Created; Subject Matter of Each Committee*) is amended to read:

§ 2-5-103 - COUNCIL COMMITTEES CREATED; SUBJECT MATTER OF EACH COMMITTEE.

(A) It is the intent of the council that the listing of subjects assigned to council committees be construed broadly and be illustrative, so that every policy matter before the City has a council committee that may review the matter. By a favorable vote of a number of its members equal to a quorum, a council committee may create subcommittees.

(B) Council creates the following standing committees:

(1) The Audit and Finance Committee may review audit reports, matters related to the city auditor, the city clerk, internal services, bond oversight, purchasing and contract audits, taxation, financial policy, government performance, bonds and City debt, bond-funded programs, retirement systems, employee benefits, banking and investment policies, performance metrics and reporting, budget matters, affordability, and related matters. The Audit and Finance Committee shall also have oversight of the City's boards and commissions.

(2) The Mobility Committee may review land use as it concerns mobility, all transportation modes including, roads, aviation, public transit,

32 pedestrian programs, bicycle programs, ground transportation, taxicab
33 regulation, regional connectivity, passenger rail, [~~Lone Star Rail~~], core
34 transit corridors, and related matters.

35 (3) The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee may review issues
36 related to the City's electric utility. The Austin Energy Utility
37 Oversight Committee is a committee of the whole council. Six
38 members of the committee are a quorum, and the favorable votes of a
39 majority of the quorum present at the meeting are required for the
40 committee to take action. The committee may create subcommittees,
41 including a subcommittee to address Austin Energy's business model.

42 (4) The Public Health Committee may review social services, education,
43 public health, health care services, animal welfare, sustainable food
44 and food access, social equity, veterans' affairs, populations at risk,
45 and related matters.

46 (5) The Housing and Planning Committee may review housing and
47 related land use and mobility issues, community development block
48 grants, the City's comprehensive plan, the land development code,
49 development processes, neighborhood planning, noise, annexations,
50 and related matters.

51 (6) The Public Safety Committee may review the municipal court, the
52 Downtown Austin Community Court, policing issues, criminal justice,
53 emergency medical services, fire services, emergency management,
54 code compliance, and related matters.

55 (7) The [~~Austin Water Oversight~~] Climate, Water, Environment, and
56 Parks Committee may review environmental matters, climate
57 resilience and adaptation, forestry, waterfront, heritage trees, open
58 space, parks, rivers and lakes, aquifers, water quality, trash, recycling
59 and compost, sustainability, cemeteries, and issues related to the City's
60 water utility, including mission, scope and responsibilities of relevant
61 advisory commissions and task forces, strategic plans, major capital

62 purchases or transactions, and financial policies and the financial
63 status of the utility.

64 (8) The Economic Opportunity Committee may review growth of
65 industry and emerging technology, job creation and retention,
66 workforce development and education, childcare initiatives, small and
67 minority business development, economic incentives, improvement
68 districts, downtown matters, economic development corporations,
69 trade and commerce, local and regional partnerships, minority and
70 women owned business contracting policies, tourism, cultural arts,
71 entertainment, and related matters.

72 **PART 2.** Subsection (C) of City Code Section 2-5-104 (*Staff Support*) is amended to
73 read:

74 (C) The city auditor, along with the city manager and city clerk, shall provide
75 staff support to the Council Audit and Finance Committee [~~and~~] to perform the duties
76 required by Subsection (B). The city auditor shall provide support to another council
77 committee as requested by a vote of the committee.

78 **PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2025.

79 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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81 _____, 2025

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Mayor

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90 Interim City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Myrna Rios
City Clerk