

25 addition to implementing an entertainment license to address multiple City Code
26 violations, including capacity loading, fire safety, and underage drinking; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has previously passed resolutions to address
28 public safety concerns, including Resolution No. 20210729-175, which initiated
29 the Safer Sixth Street Initiative to implement safety improvements, and Resolution
30 No. 20220303-061, which directed additional actions to improve lighting, crowd
31 management, and partnerships with law enforcement agencies; and

32 **WHEREAS**, in response to Resolution No. 20210729-175, staff
33 recommended an annual entertainment permit required for places of assembly in
34 the 6th Street district with operating hours after midnight and streamlining
35 currently required inspections, reviews, and approvals into the annual
36 entertainment permitting process.

37 **WHEREAS**, the June 12, 2021, mass shooting on Sixth Street and other
38 incidents underscores the urgency of adopting multi-faceted strategies to ensure the
39 safety and well-being of all who visit the area; and

40 **WHEREAS**, the City has taken steps to improve infrastructure by upgrading
41 street lighting, adding HALO cameras for enhanced surveillance, and piloting
42 programs like the Nightlife Establishment Training Program and the Nightlife
43 Establishment Accreditation Program to increase bar staff training and promote
44 best practices in venue management; and

45 **WHEREAS**, the Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA) released its Downtown
46 Austin Parking Strategy in 2019 to provide a data-driven parking management
47 approach to support a vibrant downtown that enhances quality of life for visitors,
48 residents, businesses, and workers; and

49 **WHEREAS**, the Urban Land Institute Austin’s Technical Advisory Panel
50 Downtown Austin Parking Report, released in March 2024, provides key parking
51 recommendations for downtown to curb new parking construction and improve the
52 downtown experience; and

53 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Core Transportation (ACT) Plan, slated for City
54 Council consideration and possible adoption in Spring 2025, is a 25-year update to
55 previous transportation plans and a long-term vision for enhancing transportation
56 and mobility options in and around Downtown Austin under one actionable plan to
57 help accomplish the goals in the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan; and

58 **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2025, the City released a memo outlining the
59 phased implementation of the 2024 Centralized Parking Management Plan to
60 create uniformity and a seamless parking experience for the public in both on-
61 street and public parking garages; and

62 **WHEREAS**, collectively, the prior analysis and recommendations provide
63 guidance for parking and transportation circulation via valet, rideshare, and the
64 City’s affordable parking program; and

65 **WHEREAS**, the Sixth Street Pilot, implemented in December 2024,
66 reopened Sixth Street to vehicular traffic on select evenings and fully reopened on
67 January 16, 2025, with the goal of reducing crime and improving safety; and

68 **WHEREAS**, the Sixth Street Pilot implemented an initial street redesign
69 that widened sidewalks, changed signal timing to slow vehicular speeds, added
70 rideshare drop-off zones, installed fencing, and created a bike lane for enhanced
71 pedestrian and bicyclist comfort and safety at all hours; and

72 **WHEREAS**, pilot data reported that between January 1 and February 11,
73 2025, compared to the same period in 2024, overall use of force incidents on Sixth
74 Street dropped by 50 percent and arrests on Sixth Street declined by 34 percent;
75 and

76 **WHEREAS**, next steps include evaluating data and metrics from the initial
77 pilot to inform implementation of a mid-term plan and long-term upgrades, guided
78 by the ACT Plan, including cost estimates, implementation timeline, and funding
79 sources; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

81 The City Manager is directed to provide the following transportation and
82 public safety data along with status updates for the Sixth Street pilot program for
83 future mid-term and long-term plans:

84 **1. Data Collection & Reporting:**

- 85 ○ Collect data and metrics during the Sixth Street pilot program's
86 duration from multiple departments related to safety,
87 transportation, and economic development, including but not
88 limited to pedestrian safety, crime rates, code violations, line
89 queuing issues, frequency of overnight pilot removals due to
90 overcrowding, feedback from property owners and business
91 owners, business revenue, and a public survey assessing
92 perceptions of safety and vibrancy.

93 **2. Parking & Transportation Coordination:**

- 94 ○ Explore and provide recommendations to improve valet services to
95 improve traffic circulation and pedestrian safety, including use of
96 alleyways and nearby public and private garages.

- 97 ○ Consider coordination with surface parking lots to enhance
- 98 rideshare pick-up and drop-off circulation in the area.
- 99 ○ Provide recommendations to continue efforts to expand the
- 100 Affordable Parking Program, with a focus on downtown workers
- 101 and musicians during late night hours, based on lessons learned
- 102 from the Convention Center pilot program, and coordinate with the
- 103 Downtown Austin Alliance on efforts for a District Parking model.

104 **3. Public Safety & Business Regulation:**

- 105 ○ Assess FTEs and costs needed to support a year-round Public
- 106 Assembly Code Enforcement (PACE) team to address public
- 107 safety concerns, including, but not limited to, after-hours
- 108 establishments without a TABC license.
- 109 ○ Conduct a stakeholder engagement survey and provide
- 110 recommendations regarding the implementation of an
- 111 entertainment license for businesses serving liquor past midnight.
- 112 ○ Evaluate and provide recommendations on implementation of a
- 113 Foreclosed Property Ordinance, Vacant Property Registration
- 114 Ordinance, and a Vacant Building Program, which dedicates staff
- 115 to work with property owners to find long-term solutions to
- 116 vacancy.
- 117 ○ Identify any high-priority areas, including alleyways, in need of
- 118 additional streetlights or upgrades, security lighting, or pedestrian
- 119 lighting solutions and associated costs.

120 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

121 The City Manager is directed to present and solicit feedback from relevant
122 boards and commissions regarding the next steps proposed for the Sixth Street
123 Safety pilot, including the Pedestrian Advisory Council, the Bicycle Advisory
124 Council, the Urban Transportation Commission, and the Downtown Commission.

125 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

126 The City Manager shall provide quarterly updates in the form of a
127 memorandum to the City Council, with the first by April 30th, 2025, and a
128 presentation to the Mobility Committee on December 4, 2025.

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130 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2025 **ATTEST:** _____

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132 City Clerk