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ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 2-1-107 (COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION) TO EFFECTUATE BYLAWS AMENDMENTS BY RENAMING THE COMMITTEE; INCLUDING ADDITIONAL ITEMS ON WHICH THE COMMITTEE SHALL ADVISE COUNCIL AND HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS; ADDING PROMOTION OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE INTERNET TO ITS PURPOSES AND DUTIES; ADDING METHODOLOGIES FOR PROMOTING PUBLIC ACCESS TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGIES, AND THE INTERNET; AND ADDING DUTIES FOR ITS CURRENT ROLE OF SUPPORTING THE CITY'S GRANT FOR TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM.

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

- **PART 1.** The Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission is renamed as the Technology Commission, and the title of City Code Section 2-1-107 is amended accordingly as follows:
- § 2-1-107 [COMMUNITY-]TECHNOLOGY [AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS] COMMISSION.
- **PART 2.** Subsection (A) of City Code Section 2-1-107 (*Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission*) is amended as follows:
- (A) The [Community-]Technology [and Telecommunications]Commission membership should be broadly representative of community interests. A commissioner should have resided continuously within the City for not less than 180 days.
- **PART 3.** Subsection (C) of City Code Section 2-1-107 (*Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission*) is amended as follows:
- (C) The commission shall advise the city council regarding issues that include:
 - (1) community technology;

PART 5. Subsection (E) of City Code Section 2-1-107 (Community Technology and

Telecommunications Commission) is amended as follows:

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- (E) The commission shall promote access to telecommunications services, [and] community technologies, and the internet by methods including:
 - (1) promoting public awareness, use, and viewership of access television programming and other community media;
 - (2) identifying community technology needs and problems in the City and defining innovative programming approaches to those needs and problems; [and]
 - (3) enabling and enhancing public awareness of telecommunications policy and community technology issues; and
 - ([3]4) [public awareness of telecommunications policy and community technology issues collecting community input via open sessions, as needed to address topics relevant to this commission.
- **PART 6.** Subsection (H) of City Code Section 2-1-107 (Community Technology and *Telecommunications Commission*) is amended to read:
- (H) [The Commission may create a Grant Review Committee consisting of up to seven members to review grant applications, conduct interviews, and evaluate applications for the purpose of providing recommendations to the Commission for grant awards under the City's Grant for Technology Opportunities program. The Commission may appoint persons to the Grant Review Committee who are not members of the Commission, but must appoint one member of the Commission to the Grant Review Committee who shall serve as ex-officio chair of the Grant Review Committee. All members of the Grant Review Committee are subject to Article 4 of Chapter 2-7 of the Code (Code of *Ethics*).] The commission shall support the City's Grant for Technology Opportunities Program (GTOPs) in the following ways:
 - (1) advise city staff on the selection and approval of volunteer grant review panelists to evaluate and score GTOPs applications;
 - (2) appoint commission members to serve as non-voting (ex-officio) members of grant review panels as needed to provide guidance and leadership to review panelists and to support the process of GTOPs protests;
 - (3) appoint commission members to serve as voting grant review panelists upon request of city staff; and

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(4) advise staff on the final allocation of	of GTOPs awards.	
PART 7. This ordinance takes effect on _	, 2025.	
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Deborah Thomas Interim City Attorney	Myrna Ric City Clerk	