

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FEES, FINES, AND OTHER CHARGES TO BE SET OR CHARGED BY THE CITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2026, AND WAIVING FEES AND OTHER CHARGES.

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

PART 1. The City Council authorizes the fees, fines, and other charges listed in the attached Exhibits “A” and “B” to be set or charged by the City for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 beginning on October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026.

PART 2. To the extent that a previous ordinance conflicts with this ordinance, the earlier ordinance is repealed.

PART 3. Council waives fees and reimburses costs for the following City co-sponsored events identified in the following Council actions:

Resolution No. 20021003-040	Veterans’ Day Parade
	Juneteenth Festival
	Martin Luther King Jr. Parade
	Fiesta de Independencia (Dias y Seis event)*
Resolution No. 20040226-040	Celebrate Texas Parade and Run
Resolution No. 20050324-040B	Austin Farmer’s Markets
Resolution No. 20070308-033	South by Southwest Festival
Resolution No. 20100408-034	Austin PRIDE event
Resolution No. 20100624-080	Austin Symphony July 4th Concert and Fireworks
Resolution No. 20111208-077	Zilker Kite Festival

Resolution No. 20120927-081	HOPE Farmers Market
Ordinance No. 20130808-057	Viva la Vida Street Festival and Parade
Ordinance No. 20131212-140	Merry Memories event
Ordinance No. 20141106-057	Viva! Streets Ciclovía
Ordinance No. 20210610-088	Texas Farmers' Market at Mueller
Resolution No. 20221208-066	Austin Energy Regional Science Festival
Resolution No. 20230309-043	Austin Trail of Lights
Resolution No. 20230720-093	Honor Flight
Ordinance No. 20240530-105	Texas Book Festival
Resolution No. 20240926-073	Small Business Opportunity Summit
Ordinance No. 20250306-030	Eeyore's Birthday Party

** This event has not required fee waivers from Council since fiscal year 2012*

These events are Council-approved co-sponsored events, which serve documented public purposes as set forth in the actions of Council noted above. Each event must annually provide reasonable documentation to the City Manager that the event brings a value to the City that is at least roughly equivalent to the fees waived or reimbursed by this action.

PART 4. S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program-certified Developments.

- (A) This part applies to housing that is certified under City Code Chapter 25-1, Article 15, Division 2 (S.M.A.R.T. Housing).
- (B) The City Manager, or their designee, may waive all or a portion of the fees required to develop housing that complies with the requirements of City Code Chapter 25-1, Article 15, Division 2 (S.M.A.R.T. Housing) and is certified by the Housing Department Director under the S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program.
- (C) If the City Code exempts or otherwise modifies a fee-related development requirement because the development is a S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program-certified development, the City Code provision controls.

PART 5. High Quality Childcare Fee Waivers.

- (A) Article III, Section 52-a of the Texas Constitution and Section 380.001 of the Texas Local Government Code authorize fee waivers for economic development purposes.
- (B) As described in Resolution No. 20230126-055, the availability of licensed childcare facilities impacts economic development, and increasing the number of available licensed childcare facilities stimulates business and commercial activity. Accordingly, the Council waives a maximum of \$250,000 in fees since the launch of the economic development Childcare Fee Waiver Program that must be paid to:
- (1) obtain a conditional use permit to open a childcare facility;
 - (2) construct an expansion of an existing high quality childcare facility; and
 - (3) obtain an annual inspection by the Austin Fire Department for a high quality childcare facility.
- (C) To ensure that the public purpose of these fee waivers is met, the City Manager or their designee is directed to adopt guidelines to implement and administer these fee waivers in accordance with this Ordinance and Resolution No. 20230126-055.

PART 6. Except as otherwise specifically provided in Exhibits “A” and “B,” this ordinance takes effect on October 1, 2025. A fee, fine, or other charge for which a specific effective date has been established in Exhibits “A” and “B” takes effect on the specified effective dates.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2025 § _____
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 Kirk Watson
 Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Deborah Thomas Erika Brady
City Attorney City Clerk