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RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, natural hazards in the City of Austin historically have caused significant damage, including losses of lives and property; and

WHEREAS, in response to this history of natural hazards and to the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA), the City developed a Hazard Mitigation Action Plan (HMAP) that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) approved in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the DMA and FEMA require communities to update their approved HMAP every five years to be eligible for the full range of pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City is currently undergoing the five-year revision process for its HMAP; and

WHEREAS, the City is an active participant in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which includes a Community Rating System (CRS) program that recognizes and encourages beneficial community floodplain management practices; and

WHEREAS, each improvement in CRS rating directly benefits the community by increasing the discount on flood insurance policies by an additional five percent, providing financial relief to home and business owners; and

WHEREAS, establishing an HMAP committee is a crucial component of the City’s HMAP revision process as well as a prerequisite for the City to improve its CRS classification beyond the current Class 5 rating; and

WHEREAS, this resolution and the establishment of an HMAP committee aligns with Resolution No. 20240530-113; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City establishes an HMAP committee as follows:

1. HMAP Committee Project Description:
 - a. Guide the HMAP revision process and meet the prerequisites required for an improved CRS rating;
 - b. Focus on hazard mitigation efforts, risk assessments, and policy recommendations in alignment with NFIP and HMAP requirements;
 - c. Convene monthly and hold at least five virtual meetings via Microsoft Teams to discuss key hazard mitigation concerns and issues; and
 - d. The HMAP committee will be comprised of community members with expertise in the following disciplines:
 - i. Preventative measures
 - ii. Property protection
 - iii. Natural resource protection
 - iv. Emergency services
 - v. Structure flood control projects
 - vi. Public information
2. Benefits to the Community:
 - a. Establishing an HMAP committee ensures a whole-community approach to hazard mitigation and preparedness;
 - b. The HMAP committee will play a key role in ensuring the City

49 remains proactive in addressing flood hazards and enhancing
50 public safety; and

- 51 c. Homeowners and businesses will benefit from an increased
52 NFIP discount, reducing the financial burden of flood
53 insurance.

54 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

55 The following HMAP committee members are appointed:

- 56 • Jim Redick, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
57 (HSEM);
- 58 • Trisha Jenkins, Watershed Protection Department (WPD);
- 59 • Carrie Stewart, Austin Fire Department;
- 60 • Keith Mars, Development Services Department;
- 61 • Kimmie McMinn, Transportation and Public Works Department;
- 62 • Marc Coudert, Office of Climate Adaption & Resilience;
- 63 • Jenny LaCoste-Caputo, Corporate Public Information Office;
- 64 • Monica Guzman, Go Austin / Vamos Austin;
- 65 • Martin Richey, Capital Area Planning Council of Governments;
- 66 • David Simon, Austin Independent School District;
- 67 • Nathan Bradshaw, Travis County Office of Emergency Management;
- 68 • Shantelle Brannon, Lower Colorado River Authority;
- 69 • Douglas Havron, Capital Area Regional Trauma Council;
- 70 • Derek Trabon, University of Texas; and
- 71 • Augustus Reyna, Lake Travis Fire Department.

72 Committee members have committed to serving. If an HMAP committee
73 member becomes unavailable to serve, the Committee may approve another person
74 from the same or a similar organization.

75 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

76 The establishment and ongoing operation of the HMAP committee requires
77 minimal funding as meetings will be held virtually. Any associated administrative
78 costs will be managed through the existing budgets of HSEM and WPD.

79 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

80 To ensure community participation, the HMAP committee will implement a
81 transparent communication strategy and provide opportunities for public input and
82 will adhere to federal guidelines to maximize benefits and maintain eligibility for
83 additional incentives.

84 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

85 Establishing an HMAP committee is a strategic step toward safeguarding
86 Austin's residents and infrastructure from a full range of potential hazards and
87 disasters, and this action demonstrates the City's commitment to both proactive
88 disaster mitigation and financial relief for the community.

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92 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2025 **ATTEST:** _____

93 Myrna Rios
94 City Clerk
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