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RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City's Planning Department is responsible for facilitating zoning and rezoning applications on a prescribed timeline established in regulated by City Code Title 25 (*Land Development*); and

WHEREAS, the zoning review process includes conducting public hearings as a means for gathering feedback from the community, ensuring transparency and accountability in zoning and rezoning process; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Department is currently experiencing a record high volume of zoning applications accompanied by a high vacancy rate of staff, which has resulted in a decreased capacity to effectively meet the deadlines set out in the Land Development Code; and

WHEREAS, authorizing amendments to the Land Development Code will promote adequate time for the review process, decrease the staffing vacancy rate, and ensure that all interested parties can meet expectations; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

City Council initiates amendments to Title 25 (*Land Development*) to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to establish days when zoning and rezoning applications will be accepted by the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

City Council initiates amendments to Title 25 (*Land Development*) that will create a six month pilot program that extends certain deadlines related zoning and rezoning applications as follows:

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1. The deadline for a Land Use Commission to hold a public hearing after an application is filed would be 120 days.
2. The deadline for City Council to hold a public hearing after the Land Use Commission makes a recommendation would be 80 days.
3. An application expires 362 days after it is filed if a public hearing before a Land Use Commission has not been scheduled.
4. An application expires 362 days after it is filed if the Land Use Commission or City Council grants an indefinite postponement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

City Council authorizes the City Manager to schedule these amendments for public hearing at Planning Commission without obtaining recommendations from other boards, commissions, and committees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

City Council authorizes the City Manager to process Code amendments necessary to accomplish purposes set forth in this resolution and bring an ordinance for City Council consideration.

ADOPTED: _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____
Myrna Rios
City Clerk

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