

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, City of Austin residents and businesses pay taxes to multiple overlapping jurisdictions, including school districts, counties, community colleges, emergency services districts, and health care districts; and

WHEREAS, City Council is interested in exploring potential operational efficiencies and partnership opportunities with all overlapping taxing jurisdictions to help ensure the lowest cost to Austin residents and businesses for equivalent public services; and

WHEREAS, City Council has previously directed the City Manager to identify potential operational efficiencies and partnership opportunities to help ensure the success of primary and secondary schools citywide, which in turn directly impacts the economic success of the City; and

WHEREAS, City Council recognizes that when government entities with shared jurisdiction to the City of Austin are successful, the City receives collateral benefits including a strong workforce that fuels economic growth, improved public health and wellbeing, and greater public safety.

NOW THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to work with local government entities which share taxing jurisdiction with the City of Austin to identify opportunities to coordinate services, find efficiencies, or otherwise collaborate to improve economic growth, public health, safety, and wellbeing and lower taxes for the City of Austin's taxpayers, including residents and businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

In recognition of the benefits to the City of Austin when government entities with shared jurisdiction to the City are successful, when pursuing the directives of this resolution, the City Manager is directed to explore partnerships, agreements, or other coordination that includes benefits both to the City as well as the partnering jurisdiction(s).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to begin a process for developing a framework for intergovernmental collaboration that can be utilized by the joint committee of the City of Austin, Travis County and Austin Independent School District. The initial process would begin with a goal of discussion at the meeting scheduled for June 20, 2025. The Manager and Committee Members will also seek out other regional forums for additional engagement.

ADOPTED: _____, 2025 **ATTEST:** _____
Erika Brady
City Clerk