



# City of Austin

## Recommendation for Action

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**File #:** 24-6362, **Agenda Item #:** 82.

1/30/2025

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending City Code Section 2-1-107 (Community Technology and Telecommunications) to effectuate bylaws amendments by renaming the Commission; including additional items on which the Commission 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.

### **Lead Department**

Audit and Finance Committee.

### **Council Committee Action:**

On November 12, 2024, the Committee recommended sending item to full Council with appropriate ordinance as required to move forward; recommendation was made on Council Member Mayor ProTem Leslie Pool (co-chair) motion, Council Member Council Member Ryan Alter's second

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Community Technology and Telecommunications Commission changes - The commission unanimously requested to rename itself and revise its bylaws in order to better reflect the work that the commission already does/oversees as well as lay the foundation for discussions regarding emerging technologies. The bylaws were last refreshed in 2016, and the commission has since led expansive efforts regarding digital literacy that were not outlined in the bylaws. Amendments to City Code Section 2-1-107 are required in order to effectuate the approved bylaws amendments; this ordinance makes those changes to City Code.