ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 4-20-43 (*SOUND EQUIPMENT FOR OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENT VENUES*) TO EXTEND THE HOURS TO OPERATE SOUND EQUIPMENT DURING AUSTIN FC'S FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 WATCH PARTIES HELD AT VIC MATHIAS SHORES ON JUNE 11 AND 12, 2026.

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

PART 1. The council finds the following:

(1) FIFA World Cup 2026 will be hosted across North America from June 11, 2026, to July 19, 2026, with a total of 104 matches;

(2) The City of Austin is formally recognized as a "Soccer City" and prioritizes expanding access to community soccer pitches, funding for recreational programming, and attracting accessible soccer events for all Austinites;

(3) Austin FC's FIFA World Cup 2026 Watch Parties are scheduled for the first and second days of the international tournament and are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, June 11 and 12, 2026;

(4) Austin FC hosting FIFA World Cup 2026 Watch Parties aligns with the council's intention to expand soccer programming in Austin that is accessible and low-cost for constituents;

(5) City Code Section 4-20-43 (*Sound Equipment for Outdoor Special Event Venues*) authorizes outdoor amplified sound at an event venue that is located on parkland up to 10:00 p.m., or 11:00 p.m. for use on a permanently constructed bandstand;

(6) The outdoor amplified sound at Austin FC's FIFA World Cup 2026 Watch Parties will not take place on a permanently constructed bandstand, meaning outdoor amplified sound is only allowed up to 10:00 p.m.; and

(7) Austin FC's FIFA World Cup 2026 Watch Parties and organizers request a modest extension on the amplified sound limit to 11:59 p.m. at Vic Mathias Shores, which will allow the matches to stream with gameplay audio through completion of the matches.

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PART 2. For the reasons described above, Council amends City Code Section 4-20-43 (*Sound Equipment for Outdoor Special Event Venues*) to extend the hours sound equipment may be used for Austin FC's FIFA World Cup 2026 Watch Parties at Vic Mathias Shores only. This ordinance authorizes Austin FC to use sound equipment until 11:59 p.m. for both June 11 and June 12, 2026, but does not authorize additional music or entertainment beyond the audio from the matches.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2026.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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_____, 2026 § _____
Kirk Watson
Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Deborah Thomas
City Attorney

Erika Brady
City Clerk

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