

## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1675, Agenda Item #: 1.

8/13/2025

## Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide a sworn monthly overtime management report.

# **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Ryan Alter, Co-Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, Co-sponsor: Council Member José Velásquez, Co-sponsor: Council Member José "Chito" Vela,



<u>Posting Language:</u> Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to provide a sworn monthly overtime management report.

**Invited Co-sponsors:** CM Alter, MPT Fuentes, CM Velasquez, CM Vela

### **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, overtime management involves the use of strategies and systems to track, control, and minimize unnecessary overtime work; and

**WHEREAS**, effective overtime management helps reduce costs, prevent employee burnout, and ensure compliance with labor laws and contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City depends on key employees to be available, particularly during emergencies, but seeks to reduce the reliance of overtime to achieve basic service levels;

## NOW THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to provide a monthly report that is publicly posted and details the use of overtime budget and hours worked by all sworn staff. This report should include a breakdown of type of leave (vacation, sick, etc.) as well as data by day of the week.

The City Manager is directed to present the first report to the Public Safety Committee of Council by October 6, 2025 for review and feedback.

<b>ADOPTED:</b>	, 2025	ATTEST: _	
			Erika Brady
			City Clerk



## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1676, Agenda Item #: 2.

8/13/2025

## Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to develop a public dashboard to report on the performance of service providers contracted to achieve the homelessness strategy office's plan.

## **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Ryan Alter, Co-Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, Co-sponsor: Council Member José Velásquez, Co-sponsor: Council Member José "Chito" Vela



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**Invited Co-sponsors:** CM Alter, MPT Fuentes, CM Velasquez, CM Vela

#### RESOLUTION NO.

**WHEREAS**, City staff has a citywide strategic plan that includes Goal HH.3: Optimize investments, partnerships, and service delivery to reduce the number of people experiencing homelessness in Austin; and

WHEREAS, City staff's strategic plan includes the performance measures:

- Percentage of persons who engage with City-funded Homeless Strategy and Operations prevention programs and do not experience homelessness within a year (goal: 80%)
- Percentage of individuals served by city-funded housing programs who enter permanent housing and do not experience homelessness again within two years of housing placement (goal: 75%); and

WHEREAS, Council passed Resolution No. 20250130-083 adopting the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) State of Homelessness Response System report and modeling as a guideline to inform investments in the homelessness response system, and requested staff to develop a detailed investment plan for the homelessness response system; and

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2025, the Homeless Strategy Office presented a plan to the Public Health Committee of Council, outlining a significant investment by the City and other community partners to achieve measurable reduction in homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget process has included discussion of various tax rate scenarios and budget amendments that propose a large investment towards achieving the Homeless Strategy Office plan; and

WHEREAS, a budget amendment has been proposed to fund a data analyst to collect, analyze, and report the large volumes of data needed to make educated policy reforms and recommendations over the course of the 10 years this plan is proposed to cover; and

**WHEREAS**, service providers contracted by the City in the service of the Homeless Strategy Plan are currently required to document performance, but the results are not regularly or consistently reported publicly; and

**WHEREAS**, the transparent reporting of service performance would build community support for public investment in addressing homeless and attract partner involvement in the most needed and successful interventions;

### NOW THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to develop a public reporting dashboard of the funding and outcome performance of service providers contracted to achieve the Homeless Strategy Office's Plan.

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide an initial report with available data to the Public Health Committee of Council by December 3, 2025. The report should also include a plan for implementing a complete public dashboard.

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			Erika Brady City Clerk





## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1677, Agenda Item #: 3.

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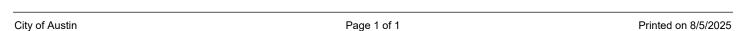
### Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to establish a Parks Maintenance Fund and dedicating revenue from the parks special event fee..

## **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Ryan Alter, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

## Fiscal Note



<u>Posting Language:</u> Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to establish a Parks Maintenance Fund and dedicating revenue from the parks special event fee. **Invited Co-sponsors:** CM Alter, MPT Fuentes, CM Ellis, CM Duchen

### RESOLUTION NO.

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous parks where private ticketed events may occur which enhance the cultural life of Austin residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin has included a per ticket fee on such private events with different fees based on the tiers of ticket prices; and

**WHEREAS**, the revenue generated from this per ticket fee goes to the City's General Fund which provides the vast majority of financial support to the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 20241121-072 directed the City Manager to explore sustainable funding opportunities for the Parks and Recreation Department, and the resulting report prepared by PFM consultants released July 23, 2025 recommended charging fees proportional to ticket pricing and retention of revenues for use by the Parks and Recreation Department; and

**WHEREAS**, special revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources, such as parking or gate entry, that are restricted or committed to expenditures for specific purposes, such as park maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicating the City's special event ticket fee revenue to a special revenue fund would provide a more direct connection between the users of parks and the funds needed to maintain those parks;

# NOW THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to establish the Parks Maintenance Fund within the City budget dedicated to receiving and expending funds generated by the Park Special Event Fee and other future sources as recommended by the City Manager or directed by Council.

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

 Resources from the Parks Maintenance Fund shall be used for the maintenance and enhancement of the City of Austin park system. The City Manager is directed to maintain clear and transparent reporting of expenses from the Parks Maintenance Fund as a part of the annual budgeting process.

<b>ADOPTED:</b>	, 2025	ATTEST:	
			Erika Brady
			City Clerk



## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1678, Agenda Item #: 4.

8/13/2025

## Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to explore ways to expand the Childcare fee waiver program to include new childcare facilities..

## **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, Co-Sponsor: Mayor Kirk Watson, Co-sponsor: Council Member José Velásquez, Co-sponsor: Council Member Natasha Harper-Madison, Co-sponsor: Council Member Ryan Alter



### **RESOLUTION NO.**

WHEREAS, in January of 2023, Council adopted Resolution No. 20230126-055 which directed the City Manager to create an economic development grant program for qualifying childcare operations to pay for City fees assessed when opening or expanding a qualifying childcare operation; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2024, Ordinance No. 20240814-006 was adopted, authorizing fee waivers for new or expanding childcare centers from October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, with a combined benefit cap of \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, a May 9, 2025 memo from the Economic Development Department described the program and eligibility for the fee waivers and stated that only existing high-quality programs were eligible for certain fee waivers; and

WHEREAS, the intent of Resolution No. 20230126-055 was to break down City barriers that had been identified as the biggest cost drivers of opening, expanding and/or operating these facilities in order to begin to address the issue of childcare deserts in Austin; and

WHEREAS, the process to build a new childcare operation, or any new facility within the City can be very costly and the application and permitting process can take a significant amount of time to navigate; and

WHEREAS, childcare costs are either the first or second largest annual family budget item, after housing costs, so childcare programs cannot pass on higher costs for occupancy and/or facilities to the families through increased tuition; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to explore ways to expand the Childcare fee waiver program to include new childcare facilities and to bring back recommendations to Council by October 9, 2025 Council meeting.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Myrna Rios City Clerk





## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1679, Agenda Item #: 5.

8/13/2025

### Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the Department of Aviation to explore and evaluate the feasibility of fee adjustments and new revenue sources at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport..

# **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Vanessa Fuentes, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

## Fiscal Note

**WHEREAS**, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS) continues to experience historic commercial and private aircraft traffic growth, becoming a large hub for both commercial and business aviation in Central Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, private aircraft operations at AUS have significantly increased in recent years, particularly during major events such as South by Southwest, Formula 1, and Austin City Limits, placing additional strain on airport infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, at AUS there are three Fixed Base Operators (FBOs) that provide aeronautical services for private aircraft operations, including fueling, hangar space, aircraft tie down areas, and concierge amenities, and charge their customers the applicable fees for providing such services; and

**WHEREAS**, the FBOs, in addition to the rentals paid to AUS under their respective leases, are required to remit a portion of the fuel flowage fee to AUS; and at the current time the AUS fee structures do not fully reflect the infrastructure demands of these operations; and

**WHEREAS**, private aircraft contribute disproportionately to environmental emissions per passenger and should be held to a fee structure that accounts for their environmental and operational impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, AUS is one of the few major Texas airports that does not levy general aviation (GA) landing fees for private aircraft operations resulting in an unbalanced cost burden for commercial passengers and missed revenue opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, other airports in peer cities—including Dallas Love Field and San Antonio International Airport—have adopted comprehensive pricing strategies for private aviation that generate additional funds to reinvest in airfield related airport infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, AUS currently does not charge GA landing fees, which results in forgone revenue; and

**WHEREAS**, reinvestment in AUS's infrastructure, customer experience, sustainability programs, and operational capacity requires diversified and resilient revenue sources that are equitably distributed among airport users, including private and corporate aircraft operators; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to ensuring the airport remains competitive, financially sound, and aligned with best practices while maintaining compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations and fair fee structures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to work with the Department of Aviation to explore and evaluate the feasibility of the following fee adjustments and new revenue sources at AUS:

- 1. Increase of fuel flowage fees in accordance with FAA requirements.
- 2. **Tiered general aviation landing fees** based on aircraft weight or other permissible classifications.
- 3. **Event-based surge pricing** for tie-downs, ramp usage, and landing fees during high-traffic events such as SXSW, Formula 1, and Austin City Limits Festival.
- 4. **Increased hangar rental rates** to the extent allowed under current FBO leases and agreements.
- 5. Implementation of environmentally focused aviation fees and incentives.

#### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager shall provide a memo and present findings and recommendations to the City Council, including estimated revenue potential, legal considerations, implementation timelines, and use of revenue no later than November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.



## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1681, Agenda Item #: 6.

8/13/2025

## Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to include specific citywide Parks and Recreation maintenance, restoration, and renovation projects and explore funding for district specific-projects beginning in the FY26 budget.

## <u>Sponsors</u>

Sponsor: Council Member José Velásquez, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

# Fiscal Note

1 2 RESOLUTION NO. WHEREAS, the mission of the Austin Parks and Recreation Department 3 (PARD) is to learn, play, protect, and connect by creating diverse programs and 4 experiences in sustainable natural spaces and public places; and 5 **WHEREAS**, one of the values of the PARD is collaboration - to strengthen 6 partnerships between the City of Austin, private organizations, volunteers, and 7 community groups to efficiently provide recreational opportunities to our residents; 8 and 9 WHEREAS, voters approved \$40 million in PARD aquatics funding for 10 major renovations or replacements of existing city pools and \$17.5 million in 11 12 infrastructure funding for improvements to roadways, athletic fields, and more in the 2018 General Obligation bond; and 13 WHEREAS, many City of Austin Departments, including PARD, made 14 budget enhancement recommendations that are not included in the FY26 and FY27 15 budget; 16 NOW, THEREFORE, 17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN: 18 The City Manager is directed to include the following citywide Parks and 19 Recreation maintenance, restoration, and renovation projects in the Parks 20 Maintenance budget beginning in FY26, as proposed in the FY 2025-26 21 Enhancements Report: 22

• Youth Athletic Fields Ongoing Maintenance & Improvement

• Recreation Management System Upgrades

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# BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

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26	The City Manager is additionally directed to explore ways to include district-
27	specific Parks and Recreation maintenance, restoration, and renovation projects in
28	the Parks Maintenance budget beginning in FY26, as proposed in the FY 2025-2026
29	Enhancements Report, such as, but not limited to:
30	Montopolis Pool Renovation/Replacement
31	Parque Zaragoza Bathhouse Restoration
32	Delwood Sports Complex
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34	Erika Brady
35	City Clerk
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## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1682, Agenda Item #: 7.

8/13/2025

## Posting Language

Approve a resolution related to assessing the feasibility and implementation of a dedicated Parks Maintenance Fee as a sustainable funding source..

## **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Paige Ellis, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

# Fiscal Note



Ellis FY26 Budget IFC #1: Parks Funding

<u>Posting language:</u> Approve a resolution related to assessing the feasibility and implementation of a dedicated Parks Maintenance Fee as a sustainable funding source.

<u>Invited Co-sponsors:</u> CM Alter, CM Duchen, MPT Fuentes

**WHEREAS**, parks and public spaces play a central role in how residents and visitors experience the City of Austin ("City"), bringing people together, offering recreational opportunities, and providing critical environmental benefits that improve the quality of our air, water, and soils; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is committed to ensuring equitable access to high-quality parkland and to maintaining a well-resourced, sustainable, and safe parks system; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Recreation Department's ("PARD") *Our Parks, Our Future Long-Range Plan*, which uses 2029 as a planning horizon, identified the importance of adequately funding not only the acquisition and development of new parkland but also the total cost of ownership, including long-term operations, staffing, and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, PARD has seen substantial growth in acreage, amenities, and service demand over the past decade, including approximately 15,200 new acres and 96 additional parks, yet the Financial Services Department ("FSD") reported in May 2024 that full-time staff is not keeping pace with our growing and diverse parks system maintenance requirements resulting in an increased maintenance demand; and

**WHEREAS**, the Trust for Public Land annually prepares the ParkScore index to provide a national comparison of park systems across the most populous cities in the United States, and in 2025 Austin ranked 54th with a score of 51.2 out of 100, a score drop of 2.3 points from 2024; and

**WHEREAS,** the ParkScore is measured by five categories: access, investment, amenities, acreage, and equity, to help city leadership advocate for park resource needs and inform local park improvement efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, a July 2025 PARD memo points to consultant findings and recommendations that emphasize the need to pursue multiple revenue avenues and reduce dependency on the City's General Fund transfer to support PARD's vast system of parks, recreation centers, museums, gardens, programming, facilities, and general operating needs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's General Fund is constrained by competing interests and critical services including public safety, public health, libraries, planning, municipal court, and animal services, highlighting the necessity of dedicated supplemental funding sources to sustain and enhance Austin's park system; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Resolution No. 20241121-072 directed the City Manager to convene a team of City staff to explore additional funding sources for parks management, land acquisition, amenities, facilities, and maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council reaffirms its commitment to overcoming these financial limitations and developing a quality parks system that is equitable, financially sustainable, well-maintained, and accessible to residents of all means and resources;

#### NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to assess the feasibility of implementing a dedicated Parks Maintenance Fee, not to exceed \$2.00 per month, as a sustainable and equitable funding source for park maintenance.

#### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

In assessing and developing this Parks Maintenance Fee, the City Manager shall evaluate the scope of maintenance and operational needs the fee will directly cover, including but not limited to:

- 1. Lawn mowing;
- 2. Playground maintenance;
- 3. Litter and trash servicing;
- 4. Restroom maintenance;
- 5. Tree care, natural area upkeep, and timely response to work orders.

#### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall report back to Council with:

- 1. A funding model outlining projected revenues from the Parks Maintenance Fee and the level of service improvements it will support;
- 2. A proposed implementation plan, including a timeline for launch and coordinating with Austin Energy and Austin Water for billing integration; and
- 3. A comparison of funding methods used in peer cities and their outcomes.

#### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to work with Travis County and other partners to explore the feasibility of creating a Parks District.

#### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager shall present an	update and a necessar	y Fiscal Year	2025-2026	<b>Budget</b>
amendment, if necessary, by	, 2025/2026.			

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## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1684, Agenda Item #: 8.

8/13/2025

## Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to support additional shelter capacity for families experiencing homelessness.

## **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Krista Laine, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

# Fiscal Note



### **FAMILY SHELTERS IFC**

**WHEREAS**, in January 2025, the Austin City Council adopted the State of Homelessness Response and Modeling as guidance to inform and prioritize investments in the City's homelessness response system; and

**WHEREAS**, with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds expiring, the Homeless Strategy Office (HSO) conducted a review of ARPA-funded initiatives to identify programs essential to maintaining current service levels and advancing progress toward reducing homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, HSO staff recommended continuation of several high-impact programs totaling \$15.65 million, including a proposed \$2 million allocation toward community-based shelters; and

**WHEREAS**, community-based shelters, often operated by nonprofit and faith-based organizations, provide critical, low-barrier alternatives to City-owned shelter facilities and serve individuals and families who may not otherwise access shelter; and

**WHEREAS**, family homelessness is a growing concern in Austin, with an estimated 1,944 households with children experiencing homelessness as of October 2024,; and

**WHEREAS**, family shelter beds are designated shelter accommodations that allow entire families including single fathers, single mothers, and two-parent households, to stay together in a safe, supportive environment while they navigate the path to housing stability; and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for family shelter beds significantly exceeds the current capacity in Austin, with 218 families on the Salvation Army's family shelter waitlist as of April 2025, and all existing family shelters operating at full capacity;

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to ensure that at least 50 family shelter beds are opened or re-opened in fiscal year 2025–2026, supported by available shelter funding.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to assess the capacity and feasibility of current community shelter partners to deliver family shelter services and to ensure any facilities potentially receiving funding can accommodate diverse family structures, including but not limited to, single parent families.

## **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is authorized to use the most appropriate procurement mechanism, consistent with City policies, to allocate shelter funding in a timely and effective manner to support family shelter capacity.





## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1685, Agenda Item #: 9.

8/13/2025

## Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to report back on the possibility of creating a Joint Emergency Communications Department centralizing 911 and emergency communications functions.

## **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Krista Laine, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

## Fiscal Note



WHEREAS, the City of Austin's emergency communication operations are challenging, due in part to the extensive intergovernmental and interagency cooperation required to execute such functions in a city which spans multiple counties and criminal jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, The 2019 Dispatch Equity and Optimization Study, developed at the request of the Austin City Council in the FY20 budget process, identified substantial inefficiencies, including challenges with collaboration across departments and outdated and needlessly segregated computer systems; and

WHEREAS, the Public Consulting Group (PCG) conservatively estimated an annual cost savings through EMS and Fire communications consolidation alone at \$1.8 - \$3.4 million; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of emergency communications functions is successfully precedented in Texas, most notably in the North Texas Emergency Communications Center, a consolidated emergency telecommunications center serving the cities of Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, and Farmers Branch; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin should explore all avenues to provide excellent service and response times for Austin residents while minimizing strain on public safety employees and City resources;

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to study the manner by which the City of Austin could establish a Joint Emergency Communications Department (JEC) combining the functions of 911 and emergency dispatch through the Austin Police Department, the Austin Fire Department, and the Austin Emergency Medical Services Department; and

#### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to develop a strategic plan for consolidating the listed emergency communications functions into a Joint Emergency Communications Department by the end of Fiscal Year 2025-2026, including all personnel funding associated with each position; and

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to consider the function of non-emergency crime reporting online and via phone, and report to Council on the possibility of consolidating non-emergency crime reporting into the department; and

#### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to consult with all relevant external stakeholders, including employee unions, intergovernmental partners, licensing agencies, and community groups, in developing the plan; and

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The City Manager is directed to return to City Council to present the strategic plan on or before the Work Session on December 9, 2025.





## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1686, Agenda Item #: 10.

8/13/2025

## Posting Language

Approve a resolution requesting a code amendment that would eliminate procedural impediments to veterinary decision-making regarding spaying and neutering animals owned by the City.

## **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Krista Laine, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

# Fiscal Note

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WHEREAS, the Austin Animal Center (AAC) is committed to serving the public's needs as they relate to animal care, animal safety, and public health under the central principle of No-Kill sheltering; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, Austin has been a proud No-Kill city and a leading model for the nation in compassionate, life-preserving shelter practices; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, AAC has faced a growing overcrowding crisis; and

WHEREAS, veterinary staff members employed by the City are highly qualified and skilled in evaluating the safety and necessity of medical procedures related to animals; and

WHEREAS, City Code unnecessarily restricts the exercise of medical judgement by the City's veterinary staff when it comes to spaying or neutering animals, leading to more animals born into stressful, overcrowded shelter environments; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget, the City Council re-allocated funds within the Animal Services Office budget to the veterinary care budget; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

In order to facilitate this budgetary reallocation, the City Manager is directed to prepare a code amendment that:

1. allows the City's veterinary staff to spay or neuter all animals owned by the City without delay or notification; and

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30 31 2. restores all decision-making authority as to whether an individual animal should be spayed or neutered to the City's veterinary professionals.

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## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1688, Agenda Item #: 11.

8/13/2025

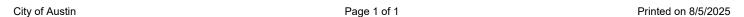
### Posting Language

Consider a resolution directing the City manager to review development fees and processes and make recommendations concerning the impact of fees considering project scale, economic conditions, efficiency, and sustainability of department finances.

## **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member José "Chito" Vela, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

# Fiscal Note



## Development Fees and Process FY2025-26 Adoption Process Draft Resolution

Whereas, Development Services Department (DSD) was recently established as an enterprise department that works on a fee for service model; and

Whereas, DSD is projecting a substantial budget deficit in FY2026 and is substantially increasing some fees; and

Whereas, permitting activity tends to be cyclical with substantial variation year over year because of both local and national volatility in housing market, interest rates, and construction costs; and

Whereas, the real estate development cycle hurts the ability of DSD to function as an enterprise department when development slows down; and

Whereas, many different departments are part of the development permitting process and assess fees including Austin Energy, Austin Water, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Transportation and Public Works, and Watershed Protection; and

Whereas, fees have a disproportionate impact on homeowners and small development projects compared to large scale development, especially when the fees are not scaled to the size and complexity of the project; and

Whereas, recent council actions, including HOME, Site Plan Lite, and infill platting, demonstrate the need to better understand and differentiate fees between infill projects of different sizes; and

Whereas, even among small projects of 5-16 units, there are differing abilities in projects to absorb increasing permitting, inspection, and review costs; and

Whereas, DSD has already made improvements to departmental efficiency and created cost savings for residential review and small projects; and

Whereas, the Site Plan Lite ordinance passed on March 6th, 2025 simplified and scaled drainage requirements for small projects and provided direction for further improvements; and

Whereas, the City Manager is working on development fees and processes to streamline and consolidate the development review process.

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

The City Manager is directed to review development fees, the process for developing fees, and the organizational structure for development review to find opportunities for improvement.

The City manager is further directed to create a stakeholder group, including developers of both small and large projects, affordable housing developers and advocates, relevant city departments and any other necessary stakeholders. The stakeholder group shall assist in the review and provide input on the impact of development fees for both large and small projects. This should include consideration of:

- Scaling fees to the size and complexity of the project, especially for homeowners and small infill projects.
- Development processes and fee schedules in other Texas cities.
- Avoiding significant fee increases when permitting activity is lower than average.
- Consolidation of reviews and processes under the Development Services Department.
- Staff capacity to review permits and applications, especially when new rules are adopted.
- Having fees reviewed by the Technical Advisory Review Panel before implementation.
- Changes to the enterprise fund structure of the Development Services Department.
- Outsourcing reviews to third party professionals when appropriate.

The City Manager is further directed to report back to Council with recommendations and suggested changes on or before January 30, 2026.



## Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1690, Agenda Item #: 12.

8/13/2025

### Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to allocate additional funds from the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund to support Austin Civilian Conservation Corps programs in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.

## <u>Sponsors</u>

Sponsor: Council Member Mike Siegel, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

## Fiscal Note

**WHEREAS**, Austin's Climate Equity Plan includes the goal of at least 50% citywide tree canopy cover by 2050, and emphasizes protecting water quality and supply, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 State of Our Environment Report Austin measures current tree canopy cover encompassing all areas within the City's jurisdiction at 41%, and

WHEREAS, reforesting floodplains by planting trees along creeks improves flood control and water quality, protects ecosystems, and supports public health, and

**WHEREAS**, expenditures from the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund are utilized for tree planting, tree maintenance, promotion of tree care and preservation, urban forest conservation, and enforcement of the City's tree protection and mitigation regulations, and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Urban Forest Plan promotes strategies such as to "Partner with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofit organizations, City of Austin departments, the private sector and others to increase the replenishment, maintenance, and care of Austin's urban forest while complying with the City's planting priorities", and

WHEREAS, in 2020 Council adopted Resolution 20200507-061 to create the Austin Civilian Conservation Corps and to "take advantage of existing local organizations' capacity to administer workforce programs and/or deploy Austinites in conservation projects" and to "include mechanisms for city departments to help define/steer projects on city, and as appropriate, on non-city lands/spaces," and

**WHEREAS**, specific project priorities for Austin Civilian Conservation Corps stated in Resolution 20200507-061 include "Planting and watering trees and greenery," as well as "Watershed protection erosion mitigation", and

**WHEREAS**, funding strategies for Austin Civilian Conservation Corps identified in Resolution 20200507-061 include "identifying other City funding sources, such as parkland dedication funding and the tree mitigation fund," and

**WHEREAS**, since 2020, Austin Civilian Conservation Corps has worked alongside and within city departments dedicated to land management, such as Austin Parks and Recreation and the Austin Watershed Protection,

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to allocate additional funds from the Urban Forest Replenishment Fund to support Austin Civilian Conservation Corps programs in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget.

## BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

These funds shall be utilized for Austin Civilian Conservation Corps programming to do tree planting, tree maintenance, promotion of tree care and preservation, and urban forest conservation on City lands.

ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_Erika Brady City Clerk



### Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1691, Agenda Item #: 13.

8/13/2025

### Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to establish a real estate development strategy and asset management system to evaluate existing City-owned lands for purposes related to climate project usage.

### **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Mike Siegel, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

### Fiscal Note



**WHEREAS**, in 2021, Council approved the Austin Climate Equity Plan that described 74 strategies to equitably reach net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, and

WHEREAS, Council approved Resolution No. 20240215-025, which called for an investment plan to implement the Austin Climate Equity Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Austin Climate Equity Plan establishes goals for the management of natural systems including, "By 2030, all City-owned lands are included under a management plan that results in neutral or negative carbon emissions and maximizes community benefits," and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2024, Council approved the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2035, which includes goals for promoting innovative local solar solutions, and

WHEREAS, the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2035 calls for adding at least 245 megawatts of local solar power generation capacity over the next ten years, which represents thousands of acres of new solar, and

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2024, Council adopted the Austin/Travis County Food Plan, which was co-created with the community to set clear goals and strategies to move toward a more equitable, sustainable, and resilient food system, and

WHEREAS, the Austin/Travis County Food Plan includes Strategy 1.6, "Establish opportunities for community-led regenerative food production on areas of publicly owned land that are well-suited to agriculture, including parkland, public right-of-way, and floodplain buyout land, where appropriate";

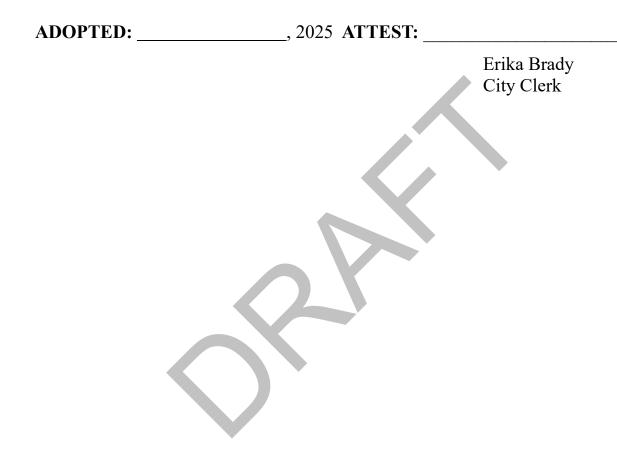
# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to establish a real estate development strategy and asset management system to evaluate existing City-owned lands for purposes related to climate project usage, including but not limited to carbon sequestration, sustainable food production, and renewable energy generation.

The management system shall make real estate evaluations accessible across City departments.

## **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to provide a report to Council with updates and recommendations responsive to this resolution by February 2026.





### Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1692, Agenda Item #: 14.

8/13/2025

### Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to establish a Climate Revolving Fund dedicated to receiving and expending funds from investments in energy upgrades to City facilities, capture related savings, and reinvest funds for additional savings.

## **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Mike Siegel, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

### Fiscal Note

IFC re: Climate Revolving Fund

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, Council adopted the Austin Climate Equity Plan that provided 74 strategies to equitably reach net-zero community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 2040, and

WHEREAS, as of May 2025, 11 of the 17 goals in the Climate Equity Plan are either "in need of support" or "off track", and

WHEREAS, in July 2024, Council passed Resolution 20240718-093, directing the City Manager to create a Comprehensive Climate Implementation Program to refocus City resources toward achieving our community-wide net-zero goal, including the providing of a detailed and thorough means for investing in our climate, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Climate Implementation Plan includes a recommendation for the creation of a climate "revolving fund" to invest in energy upgrades to City facilities, capture savings, and reinvest funds for additional investment. This structure secures ongoing funding for improvements that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and result in monetary savings, and

WHEREAS, in May 2025, Austin City Council voted to approve Resolution 20250522-052 to analyze the potential of solar on City facilities, and to annually calculate any energy cost savings or revenue generated, realized by solar generation installed on City facilities for departmental use and utilize an equivalent amount of funding for projects that have a beneficial environmental impact, beginning with those identified in the Climate Implementation Plan, and

**WHEREAS**, other communities, including the City of San Antonio and Harris County, have implemented Energy Efficiency Funds and similar programs in order to expand funding available for additional utility conservation projects;

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to establish a Climate Revolving Fund dedicated to receiving and expending funds from investments in energy upgrades to City facilities, capture related savings, and reinvest funds for additional savings.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The proposed expenditures of this fund shall be annually presented to the Climate, Water, Environment, and Parks Committee of Council by May 1 of each year for recommendations on inclusion in the subsequent proposed budget. The Climate Revolving Fund should be managed by the Office of Climate Action & Resilience in consultation with the Financial Services & Budget Department, to supplement, expand, and prioritize funding for energy efficiency projects in municipally owned assets and operations.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to appropriate all cost savings or revenue generated from solar generation installed on City facilities to be included in the Climate Revolving Fund, as stated in Resolution 20250522-052.

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is further directed to analyze potential projects that could decrease the City of Austin's greenhouse gas emissions, and result in savings to the City. This analysis should include a framework for measuring savings to the City for each improvement, including through tax credits, utility rebates, and direct or indirect savings. The analysis will also include identification of simple payback periods for each improvement, and recommendations for methods to return those savings to the Climate Revolving Fund, and the reinvestment of those funds into future projects. When considering funding such projects, the Manager should explore using the funds within the revolving fund supplemented by debt instruments available to finance these projects.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to analyze the workforce necessary to complete these projects and make recommendations to ensure that improvements made through the Climate Revolving Fund support fair pay, safe working conditions, health benefits, Department of Labor registered apprenticeships, and other community benefits.

IFC re: Climate Revolving Fund

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to analyze and make recommendations regarding additional funding structures for climate-based initiatives, including the creation of public entities that engage in public-private partnerships, and how the City of Austin budgeting process could be analyzed for its impact on climate change (such as a "Climate Budget").

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

wThe City Manager is directed to provide a preliminary report to Council with updates and recommendations responsive to this resolution by January 2026.

Upon completion of all analyses called for by this resolution, the City Manager is directed to present these findings to the Climate, Water, Environment, and Parks Committee of Council at the February 2026 meeting, which will then make any recommendations to the full Council.

ADOPTED:	, 2025 ATTEST: _	
		Erika Brady City Clerk



### Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1693, Agenda Item #: 15.

8/13/2025

### Posting Language

Approve a resolution related to the implementation of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 City budget.

### **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Mike Siegel, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

## Fiscal Note

**WHEREAS**, Council will adopt a fiscal year 2025-2026 budget that requires revenue in excess of the 3.5% cap defined by Texas law, and will therefore seek voter approval through a tax rate election, and

**WHEREAS**, Council has adopted a policy, via Resolution No. 20250522-058, that describes a process for proposing a tax rate election, including a requirement that, "The City shall clearly identify the level of programming or services funded with the additional revenue generated above the voter approval rate and provide an accounting of the expected level of services should the election fail," and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager published a draft budget on July 15, 2025, that for illustrative purposes, shows what the City's budget might look like for the next two years without voter approval of a tax rate election,

**WHEREAS**, the draft budget published on July 15, 2025, shows that without a tax rate election, the City Manager would recommend cuts to programs providing housing, health care, fire protection, youth programs, climate jobs, library services, and animal care to balance the budget, and

**WHEREAS**, the draft budget published on July 15, 2025, shows that without a tax rate election, the City Manager would also recommend cutting pay raises for civilian employees and discontinuing programs and services previously supported by state and federal funding that is now unavailable to the City,

**WHEREAS**, the draft budget published on July 15, 2025, anticipates filling the City's projected deficit by drawing down the City's reserves and draining the City's Housing Trust Fund to pay for ongoing operational expenses in a manner that cannot be replicated in future years,

**WHEREAS**, even with cuts to programs and services and reductions to the City's reserves, the City projects a deficit that will grow to \$46.3 million by 2030, and

WHEREAS, Council will adopt, contemporaneous with this resolution, a fiscal year 2025-2026 budget that reverses cuts to existing programs and services proposed in the City Manager's July 15, 2025 draft budget, and that approves additional expenditures that are necessary to protect public health, promote public safety, advance the general welfare of the Austin community, and address a

growing projected deficit to Austin's budget that would require other large cuts to critical City functions,

# NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

This resolution shall be deemed the City's compliance with Resolution No. 20250522-058 and the requirement to show the level of programming or services that will be funded with revenue generated through a tax rate election. The City Manager's draft budget, published on July 15, 2025, show the degree to which programs and services would have to be cut to balance the budget without a tax rate election, and further shows that a tax rate election is necessary in order to avoid far deeper cuts in future years. Furthermore, the budget adopted by City Council illustrates the level of programming and services that residents can expect if an increased tax rate is approved, including improvements to emergency services, wildfire and flood mitigation, affordable housing, social services, animal care, city parks and pools, and more.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

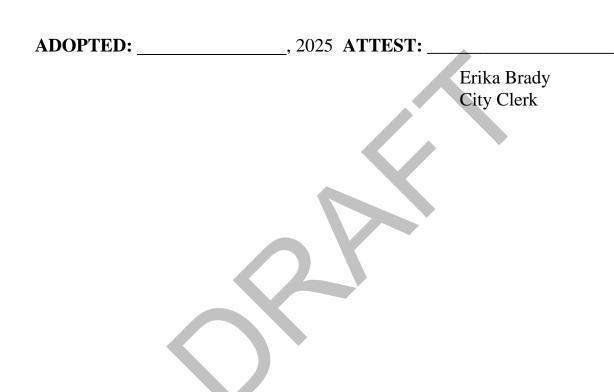
To provide further clarity on the level of programming and services that can be expected with and without a tax rate election, as per Resolution No. 20250522-058, the City Manager is directed to publish a planned budget for fiscal years 2028, 2029, and 2030 that shows how the gaps in funding described in page 79 of the draft budget produced on July 15, 2025 would be addressed in future years 2028, 2029, and 2030. The City Manager is directed to present that information to City Council at a public meeting on or before September 25, 2025.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

Should the City's proposed tax rate increase fail to receive voter approval at the November 4, 2025 local election, Council declares its intention to reduce expenses identified in the adopted 2025-2026 fiscal year budget in a manner that is proportional to their share of the passed budget across all general fund departments: Animal Services; Arts, Culture, Music, and Entertainment; Capital Delivery Services; City Attorney's Office; City Clerk's Office; Economic Development; Emergency Medical Services; Facilities Management; Financial

Services; Fire; Fleet Mobility Services; Forensic Science; Homeless Strategies and Operations; Housing; Human Resources; Management Services; Mayor and City Council Offices; Municipal Court; Parks and Recreation; Planning; Police; Public Health; Public Library; and Small and Minority Business Resources.

If necessary, in the event of the failure of the proposed tax rate increase, the City Manager is directed to bring a proposed amended fiscal year 2025-2026 budget to City Council for approval.





### Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1694, Agenda Item #: 16.

8/13/2025

### Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to partner with local school districts and the Central Texas Food Bank to establish on site food pantries at Title I Elementary Schools located within the city limits with Parent Support Specialists on campus.

## **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Mike Siegel, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

### Fiscal Note

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2024, Council adopted the Austin/Travis County Food Plan, and

WHEREAS, The Austin/Travis County Food Plan establishes a goal to "expand access to nutritious and culturally relevant food in food distribution programs and food retail locations for residents of Austin/Travis County experiencing food insecurity or facing barriers to food access (proximity, mobility, income, and availability) with priority investment in areas experiencing high rates of food insecurity," and

**WHEREAS**, according to Feeding America Map the Meal Gap Reports in 2023 16.4% of children in Travis County's population were food insecure, and

WHEREAS, The City has an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District for the provision of resources connecting parents and families to family-centered and other social services through Parent Support Specialists, and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 includes \$1,290,000 in ongoing general funds for Parent Support Specialists, and

**WHEREAS**, a pilot program of school food pantries located at Title I Elementary Schools in Austin and surrounding areas had the following outcomes, as documented in a Central Texas Food Bank survey of caregiver-participants:

- Increased access to nutritious food
- Reduced financial strain
- Perceived improvement in stress
- Improved caregiver's perception of the school
- Reduced feelings of stigma when needing support from a pantry
- Perceived improvement in household's eating habits

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to partner with local school districts and the Central Texas Food Bank to establish on site food pantries at Title I Elementary Schools located within the city limits with Parent Support Specialists on campus.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

That priority shall be given to Title 1 Schools with the designation of Campuses Identified for Comprehensive Support under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) or Campuses Identified for Targeted Support under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

After selection of Elementary Schools has been made, the City of Austin shall fund infrastructure for on-site food pantries, including refrigerators, freezers and shelving.

### BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to report back on the progress of school selection by no later than November 2025.

## **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to present Council with reports on the progress of this resolution by January 2026.

ADOPTED:	, 2025 <b>ATTEST:</b>	
		Erika Brady
		City Clerk



### Recommendation for Action

File #: 25-1695, Agenda Item #: 17.

8/13/2025

### Posting Language

Approve a resolution directing the City Manager to work with the relevant departments to explore and evaluate the feasibility of establishing a fee to fund a comprehensive solar panel recycling process.

### **Sponsors**

Sponsor: Council Member Mike Siegel, Co-Sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item., Co-sponsor: Choose an item.

### Fiscal Note



WHEREAS, on December 12, 2024, Council approved the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2035, which includes goals for promoting innovative local solar solutions; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Energy Resource, Generation and Climate Protection Plan to 2035 calls for adding at least 245 megawatts of local solar power generation to City of Austin capacity over the next ten years, which represents thousands of acres of new solar panels; and

WHEREAS, approximately 85% of materials contained in solar panels are recyclable, and in some panels, elements are present that risk the possibility of contamination if not disposed of appropriately; and

WHEREAS, at the Federal and State levels, no requirements currently exist to mandate manufacturer acceptance and recycling of used or damaged solar panels; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 2, 2023, Council approved a resolution adopting the 2023 Austin Resource Recovery Comprehensive Plan, which guides the City towards its goal of zero waste by 2040 by keeping all items eligible for recycling, composting, reuse, repair, or donation out of our landfills; and

WHEREAS, Austin Resource Recovery currently contracts with a solar panel recycler for the collection and recycling of panels voluntarily dropped off at Recycle and Reuse Drop-off center; and

WHEREAS, the Development Services Department currently grants permits pertaining to residential and commercial scale solar installations and collects fees for those permits and on behalf of Austin Energy; and

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to work with the relevant departments to explore and evaluate the feasibility of establishing a fee to fund a comprehensive solar panel recycling process.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

In preparation for the establishment of this fee and fund, the City Manager is directed to analyze relevant information including but not limited to:

• The current cost to Austin Resource Recovery per solar panel, and/or per pound, for recycling;

- Means of collection by pickup or drop-off of solar panels, including parameters to make those means safe and to prevent environmental contamination;
- A process for collecting solar panel recycling fees from solar installation owners at the point of installation permitting;
- Framework for the management of those fees in the form of a fund, to be exclusively distributed to recycle solar panels.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager shall present this analysis to the City Council, including estimated fee rates, revenue, legal considerations, and implementation timelines by December 2025.

### **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to present Council with recommendations for establishment of the fee and fund by the first City Council meeting in February 2026.

ADOPTED: _	, 2025 <b>ATTEST</b> :	
		Erika Brady City Clerk