

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, persons aged 65 and older represent the fastest-growing age group in Austin, expanding from 55,695 (7 percent of the 2010 population) to 91,733 (9.5 percent of the 2020 population), a growth rate of 64.7 percent; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization reports that by 2030, 1 in 6 people across the world will be 60 years of age or older; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Mayor's Task Force on Aging recommended that Austin be designated an "age-friendly" community under the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the Commission on Aging, the AARP, AustinUp, and local aging services partners created the Age-Friendly Action Plan (AFAP), which includes over 20 goals and 75 strategies across the eight domains laid out in the AARP/World Health Organization's guide for age-friendly cities and which was later adopted by Council; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Audit Report on City Services for Older Adults found that the City can do more to make Austin an age-friendly city for older adults and that currently the City cannot assess how it meets the needs of older adults because the AFAP does not include a way to measure progress, assign responsibility, or assess equity; and

WHEREAS, the Commission on Aging, age-friendly partners, and the City are currently working on an amendment to the AFAP that will incorporate metrics to better measure the success of the plan; and

24 **WHEREAS**, although in 2018, Austin was identified as one of the 10 top-
25 scoring cities with a population over 500,000 for livability for older adults, Austin
26 was not selected as one of the top-scoring cities in 2022; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

28 The City Council affirms its commitment to ensuring Austin is an age-
29 friendly community and improving the quality of life for older adults.

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

31 The City Manager is directed to ensure that all City departments provide
32 services with an age-friendly perspective and that the Age-Friendly Action Plan's
33 goals and strategies are incorporated into how departments fulfill their missions
34 and is directed to assign a point of contact in each department to help ensure the
35 department incorporates age-friendly policies into its mission.

36 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

37 The City Manager is directed to collaborate with the Age-Friendly Program
38 Coordinator and Austin Public Health to ensure implementation of the remaining
39 recommendations from the 2022 City Services for Older Adults audit. The City
40 Manager, in collaboration with the Commission on Aging, shall also provide an
41 annual update to the City Council, beginning in March 2026, in the form of a
42 memo that assesses the resources needed to implement the AFAP and includes
43 recommendations to address any gaps.

44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

45 The City Manager is directed to consider ways to address the under-
46 resourcing, both in programming and physical capacity, of recreation centers and
47 senior centers, including:

- Prioritizing developing new senior centers in southeast and northwest Austin and other parts of the City that scored low in the Recreation and Senior Center Facility Assessment and Gap Analysis Report issued in December 2024.
- Hiring more dedicated senior programming specialists and coordinators within recreation and activity centers in the Parks and Recreation Department (PARD).
- Increasing intergenerational programming across PARD facilities.
- Reviewing and making recommendations to improve processes for signing up and participating in senior programs, congregate meals at PARD sites, and senior transportation for those with limited English proficiency.
- Adding speakers to City job fairs that would cover informational topics relevant to older adults, such as how to repurpose a long career to pursue new interests, navigate new technology involved in résumé submittal, and maintain self-confidence during the job search.
- Creating a specific budget for senior services and programming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to work with CapMetro through its ongoing long range 5-to-10-year transit plan update, Transit Plan 2035, to explore potential service options, including but not limited to CapMetro's on-demand pickup service, to better serve older adult populations.

71 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

72 The City Manager is directed to explore all available means to provide
73 reimbursement for in-home care for older adults in Austin, including but not
74 limited to adding applicable coverage provisions for in-home care to City
75 employee assistance programs or insurance plans.

76 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

77 The City Manager is directed to explore all available means to provide
78 additional funding for home delivered meals for older adults and to provide
79 recommendations in time for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget cycle.

80 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

81 The City Manager is directed to explore the feasibility of establishing an
82 older adult internship program that provides meaningful, skill-based opportunities
83 for older adults. The City Manager should identify potential partnerships with non-
84 profits, older adult advocacy organizations, and educational institutions to
85 collaborate on the creation and implementation of the internship program.

86 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

87 The City Manager is directed to develop and implement a comprehensive
88 older adult fraud prevention initiative in collaboration with the Age-Friendly
89 Program Coordinator, the Seniors and Law Enforcement Together Council, and
90 other appropriate stakeholders that includes an annual fraud prevention public
91 education campaign tailored to older adults and regular language-accessible, City-
92 wide workshops on fraud awareness, including online safety and financial literacy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to report back to City Council by the October 9, 2025, Council meeting regarding the progress made toward fulfilling the directions set out in this Resolution.

ADOPTED: _____, 2025 **ATTEST:** _____

Erika Brady
City Clerk