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AN ORDINANCE WAIVING OR REIMBURSING CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR THE MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM AT 419 CONGRESS AVENUE.

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

PART 1. FINDINGS.

- A. The Mexic-Arte Museum, established in 1984, is the official Mexican American Fine Arts Museum of Texas and is an important Austin institution that also provides vital education services.
- B. For over thirty-seven years, the non-profit museum offers outstanding cultural programs and presents art by the finest established and emerging artists from the United States, Mexico and Latin America.
- C. The Mexic-Arte Museum has thousands of visitors, ranging from enthusiastic children to community members, that tour the museum each year.
- D. The City of Austin has been committed to the success and advancement of the Mexic-Arte Museum and the development of the renovated museum facility.
- E. On January 11, 2001, the City provided \$740,000 to Mexic-Arte for the purchase of a building located at 419 Congress Avenue to permanently house its collections and operate its programs, in return for Mexic-Arte's agreement to rehabilitate and maintain the building and provide certain services which benefit the public.
- F. On November 7, 2006, Proposition 4 was approved by City of Austin voters including \$5,000,000 for the new Mexic-Arte Museum.
- G. On November 6, 2018, Proposition B was approved by City of Austin voters including an additional \$15,000,000 for capital reinvestment needs related to Mexic-Arte building renovations and other facility modifications.
- H. The new Mexic-Arte Museum building will enhance and expand the cultural institution's educational and artistic programs for members of the Austin and Texas community.

