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WHEREAS, the adopted Fire Code updates all include provisions requiring fire detection and fire suppression systems in facilities housing or holding animals 24 hours a day or onsite staffing; and

WHEREAS, Austinites have consistently voiced their support for the safety and welfare of their animal companions, such as policies against the cruel or dangerous restraint of animals and that increase their quality of life; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

City Council initiates amendments to City Code Title 25 (Land Development Code) to provide minimum fire safety standards for facilities housing or holding animals on a 24-hour basis.

ADOPTED: _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____
Myrna Rios
City Clerk