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

PART 1. Findings. The City Council finds that:

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existing duplication in services between agencies that could be streamlined for potential cost savings.

(G) Affordability encompasses many factors including but not limited to housing, food, health care, education, transportation, and utilities, and a collaborative body that represents every level of local government could define parameters for what factors have a significant impact on cost of living, study best practices of other cities, counties, and school districts, and develop policy recommendations for all represented governmental entities to improve affordability in Austin and the Central Texas region.

(H) Creating a Regional Affordability Committee (Committee) would provide expanded opportunity for transparency, public input, and collaboration between taxing jurisdictions and local leaders to improve how we serve to the community.

PART 2. To ensure effective representation from throughout the Central Texas region, the Committee shall maintain positions for appointments by the participating governmental entities as follows:

(A) Austin City Council will be represented by three appointees

(B) Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees may be represented by two appointees

(C) Travis County Commissioners Court may be represented by two appointees

(D) Austin Community College Board of Trustees may be represented by one appointee

(E) Capital Metropolitan Board of Directors may be represented by one appointee

(F) Central Health Board of Directors may be represented by one appointee

(G) Del Valle Independent School District Board of Trustees may be represented by one appointee

(H) Pflugerville Independent School District Board of Trustees may be represented by one appointee

(I) Williamson County Commissioners Court may be represented by one appointee.

1 (J) Round Rock Independent School District Board of Trustees may be
2 represented by one appointee; and

3 (K) Leander Independent School District Board of Trustees may be represented
4 by one appointee.

5 **PART 3.** Each entity represented on the Committee may select appointees by formal
6 action of the respective bodies.

7 **PART 4.** The following persons are hereby appointed by the City Council to represent
8 the City of Austin on the Committee: Council Member Delia Garza, Council Member
9 Ann Kitchen, and Council Member Ellen Troxclair.

10 **PART 5.** The Committee may hold public meetings and may also take action to form
11 working groups to address specific issues as needed.

12 **PART 6.** At its meetings, the Committee may solicit public feedback on and discuss:
13 potential bond measures that may affect affordability in the Central Texas Region;
14 opportunities to strengthen partnerships for improved service delivery; eliminating
15 duplication in services between agencies for potential cost savings; parameters for
16 assessing factors have a significant impact on cost of living; best practices of other cities,
17 counties, and school districts; and any other relevant topics useful for maintaining and
18 promoting affordability.

19 **PART 7.** The Committee may develop policy recommendations for all represented
20 governmental entities to improve affordability in Austin and the Central Texas region and
21 may take formal action to make recommendations to the governmental bodies
22 represented on the Committee.

23 **PART 8.** The City Manager shall provide staff resources for the Committee as necessary
24 and coordinate with staff from the other governmental jurisdictions represented on the
25 Committee to obtain pertinent information on related items posted for discussion or
26 action on Committee agendas.

27 **PART 9.** The activities and meetings of the Committee will be subject to applicable
28 provisions of the Open Meetings Act.

29 **PART 10.** The Committee shall adopt bylaws at their first publicly posted meeting.
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PART 11. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2015

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Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED: _____

Karen M. Kennard
City Attorney

ATTEST: _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk