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RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which
consists of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties, has air pollution
levels that are close to violating the federal standards for ground-level ozone (O ₃); and
WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets federal air
quality standards at levels it considers necessary to protect human health and public
welfare from harm; and
WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's continued compliance with federal air
quality standards is important to ensure public health, protect economic growth, and
address the region's transportation needs; and
WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's air pollution regularly reaches levels
that the EPA considers "moderate" or "unhealthy for sensitive groups" based on its air
quality index (AQI); and
WHEREAS, actions which reduce emission of ozone-causing pollutants may have
other environmental and health benefits, such as, reduced emissions of greenhouse gases;

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WHEREAS, the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC), of which the City of
Austin is a member, is charged with the development and implementation of a clean air
plan to maintain compliance with federal air quality standards and the development of
policies and strategies to guide CAC members about actions that will achieve clean air in
Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, the City of Austin has a long history of participating in regional clean
23 air plans in coordination with regional partners in the Capital Area Council of
24 Governments (CAPCOG); and
25 WHEREAS, the region's current air quality plan is set to expire at the end of 2018;
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27 WHEREAS, the CAC has requested that the City of Austin take action to formally
28 participate in a new regional air quality plan for 2019-2023; and
29 WHEREAS, the goals of the new regional air quality plan are to: 1) maximize the
30 probability of compliance with federal air quality standards, and 2) minimize health and
31 environmental impacts associated with regional air pollution; and
WHEREAS, controlling and reducing emissions of nitrogen oxides and improving
³³ public awareness about air quality are critical to supporting the goals of the new regional
34 air quality plan; NOW, THEREFORE,
35 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
The City Manager is directed to participate in the 2019-2023 regional air quality plan
37 by, at a minimum, including emission reduction measures in the regional plan to be
38 completed by the City of Austin and reporting on implementation of the City of Austin
39 measures annually to CAPCOG.
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41 ADOPTED:, 2018 ATTEST:
42 Jannette S. Goodall 43 City Clerk
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