

26 Assessment of the Benefits and Cost Savings of the U.S. Publicly Funded Family
27 Planning Program,” published in Milbank Quarterly; and

28 **WHEREAS**, vasectomies are one of the most successful effective and cost
29 efficient forms of birth control; and

30 **WHEREAS**, vasectomies are 95 percent reversible; and

31 **WHEREAS**, community and patient education, as well as financial
32 resources, could increase access to vasectomies for those who do not want a child,
33 or more children, as cited in the article titled “Barriers to Offering Vasectomy at
34 Publicly Funded Family Planning Organizations in Texas,” published in the 2017
35 American Journal of Men’s Health; and

36 **WHEREAS**, communities in Texas have begun to pilot broad family
37 planning and birth control assistance, including the City of Laredo, which made a
38 low-cost vasectomy program permanent after its early successes; and

39 **WHEREAS**, the National Institute for Reproductive Health lists positive
40 public awareness campaigns on sexual and reproductive health in its proactive
41 policy agenda, on the section of its website titled Policy Agenda for Cities; **NOW,**
42 **THEREFORE,**

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

44 The City establishes equitable access to contraception as essential to family
45 planning, reproductive freedom, and public health.

46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

47 The City Manager is directed to explore the City’s ability to conduct a public
48 education program on long-term birth control, including but not limited to
49 vasectomies, which should include community health partners.

50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

51 The City Manager should report back to Council with a plan for executing
52 this public education program no later than September 30, 2022.

53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

54 The City Manager is directed to ensure that health insurance offered to City
55 employees and their spouses cover low-cost birth control, including but not limited
56 to vasectomies.

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58 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____

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60 Myrna Rios
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