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ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE OLD BAKERY EMPORIUM OPEN SPACE
AND WAIVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 14.**

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

PART 1. FINDINGS.

- (A) Patricia Faye (Rush) Crow, was born on February 11, 1943, to a military family and traveled the world as a child. She graduated from Killeen High School in 1961 and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Finance from The University of Texas; and
- (B) Throughout her life, Pat Crow had an uncanny propensity for bearing witness to history: she lived in occupied Japan during the onset of the Korean War; at age 13, she lived in a polio hospital after she was stricken with Bulbar Polio; she saw John F. Kennedy’s motorcade moments before his assassination; she attended Southwest Texas University the year it was integrated; she attended the founding meeting of the Texas Women’s Political Caucus, and in 1971, she was a founding member of the Austin Women’s Political Caucus, serving as President for several years; and
- (C) Pat was a promising junior financial analyst for IBM, but in 1981, a personal tragedy changed the course of her life when her friend, Cindy, was killed by a stalker after he held Pat and Cindy hostage; and
- (D) Having experienced Cindy’s failed attempts to get a Justice of the Peace to issue her a protective Peace Bond, Pat turned her tragedy into action; and
- (E) In 1982, she successfully ran a female candidate against that Justice of the Peace, marking a new era for Pat and for the Austin political structure; and
- (F) From 1982 – 2008, working alongside her friend David Butts, Pat became one of (if not the most) winningest campaign managers in Austin and Travis County history, winning 28 out of 32 political campaigns, including important ballot initiatives such as the Save Our Springs Initiative (1992), the creation of the hospital district (2004), and the smoking ban (2005); and

- 41 (G) Standing barely 5 feet tall, Pat was a larger than life character who never met a
42 stranger and had a vast collection of friends of all ages; and
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- 44 (H) Pat served as a mentor for many young adults, encouraging and supporting their
45 activism to include serving on City of Austin boards and commissions and running
46 for elected office; and
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- 48 (I) Pat was a champion for women’s issues and causes, a voracious reader, and a lover
49 of films, and she had a deep interest in politics, art, film, literature, geography,
50 history, and global issues; and
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- 52 (J) Pat's outlook on life was shaped by the twist and turns that force each of us to
53 declare who we are, and her awareness of power and how it favors the privileged
54 few over the masses made Pat a champion of the underdog; and
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- 56 (K) Pat was not afraid to speak truth to the powerful and worked to elect people who
57 would represent the underrepresented, including the first openly gay legislator in
58 Texas and the first African American woman district judge in Travis County; and
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- 60 (L) Pat made an indelible mark on Austin as a community leader, an activist, and
61 political operative, and her tireless efforts helped shaped Austin into the
62 progressive community it is today; and
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- 64 (M) The one-year anniversary of Pat Crow’s passing will occur on May 1, 2018; and
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- 66 (N) To commemorate her honor, an idea emerged from several Parks and Recreation
67 Board Members to name the Old Bakery & Emporium open space after Pat Crow;
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- 70 (O) The historic Old Bakery and Emporium is located in Downtown Austin at 1006
71 Congress Avenue and houses a visitor information center, an art gallery featuring
72 local artists, and the Lundberg-Maerki Historical Collection; and
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- 74 (P) The Old Bakery and Emporium’s open space is dedicated parkland and is
75 maintained through a partnership between Parks and Recreation Department and
76 the Austin Parks Foundation; and
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- 78 (Q) Dedicating the Old Bakery and Emporium open space to the legacy of Pat Crow
79 will allow her spirit to watch productions at the nearby Paramount Theatre -- one
80 of Pat’s favorite Austin institutions -- while she keeps a watchful eye on the Texas
81 Capitol; and
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- 83 (R) As the open space is a park feature rather than a park facility, it does not require
84 Council action to be named after an individual, but broad Council consensus on
85 this naming is ideal; and
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87 (S) On April 11, 2018, the Old Bakery and Emporium Advisory Guild voted
88 unanimously to support the naming; and
89 (T) As thanks to Pat Crow for her years of dedicated service for the betterment of
90 Austin and Travis County, Council affirms the naming of the Old Bakery and
91 Emporium open space to the Pat Crow Memorial Plaza.

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93 **PART 2.** Council waives the requirements of Code Section 14-1-38 (*Procedure for*
94 *Naming a Feature*).

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96 **PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2018.

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98 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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104 _____ Steve Adler
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108 **APPROVED:** _____ **ATTEST:** _____
109 Anne L. Morgan Jannette S. Goodall
110 City Attorney City Clerk
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