

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING FEES RELATED TO A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION FOR THE JEREMIAH PROGRAM LOCATED AT 1200 PAUL TERESA SALDANA STREET.

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

PART 1. FINDINGS.

(A) Council finds the following:

- (1) The Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan identified “providing reliable access to housing and quality childcare for low- and middle-income families” as one of the key challenges for the future of Austin and a way to remove a significant barrier to parents’ enrollment in and completion of a secondary education program.
- (2) City Council Resolution No. 20170928-057 recognized the importance of expanding access to high-quality, affordable child care for Austin families and directed the City Manager to explore finding ways to expand access to such care as a critical component of making Austin more affordable.
- (3) City Council Resolution No. 20170928-057 also created the Child Care Working Group which, along with the Early Childhood Council, recommended that City Council “work with [the] Development Services Department and the Planning and Zoning Department to explore the current fee schedule and potential fee waivers that may be applied for the expenses associated with opening, expanding, and/or operating high quality child care centers.”
- (4) The Jeremiah Program is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is “to transform families from poverty to prosperity” by offering a holistic two-generation approach that allows single mothers to pursue a career-track, college education by combining quality early childhood education, safe

and affordable housing, and empowerment and life skills training.

- (5) The Jeremiah Program recently inaugurated a campus in the Guadalupe-Saldana Net Zero Subdivision in Austin, Texas, located at 1200 Paul Teresa Saldana Street that includes a 49,865-square foot building with 35 two-bedroom apartments, an on-site accredited five-classroom child development center that may serve up to 60 children, two covered playground areas, empowerment and life skills classrooms, gathering spaces, and staff offices.
- (6) Under the property's current zoning (MF3-NP) and approved site plan, the child development center and other Jeremiah Program facilities are designated as subdivision amenities and are therefore only available to the residents of the subdivision.
- (7) The approval of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) being requested by the Jeremiah Program of Austin would allow the organization to offer their services to families in the Govalle Neighborhood and the surrounding area.
- (8) The Child Care Working Group Report identified the Conditional Use Permit requested by the Jeremiah Program of Austin as a costly and burdensome barrier to expanding access to high quality child care for Austin families.
- (9) The approval of a CUP would not result in any new construction or changes to the building or right-of-way at the property nor would it raise the maximum number of children that the child development center may serve.
- (10) The waiver of the CUP application fees for the Jeremiah Program will promote and further the public and municipal purposes described above and as detailed in corresponding resolutions passed by the Council.

PART 2. The Conditional Use Permit application fees of \$7,000.50 are waived for the Jeremiah Program located at 1200 Paul Teresa Saldana.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2018 §
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 Steve Adler
 Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Anne L. Morgan Jannette S. Goodall
City Attorney City Clerk

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