

32 for the purpose of providing funds to implement a citywide traffic-
33 easing rapid transit system, known as Project Connect, and to fund
34 associated investments that encourage affordable housing along transit
35 corridors; address traffic congestion; expand service for essential
36 workers; reduce emissions; decrease traffic fatalities; create jobs;
37 provide additional access to jobs, education, health care, and to the
38 airport; the transit system is to include a fixed rail and bus rapid transit
39 system, including associated roadway, bikeway, sidewalk, and street
40 lighting improvements; park & ride hubs; on-demand neighborhood
41 circulator shuttles; innovative customer technology; and improved
42 access for seniors and persons with disabilities; and is to be operated by
43 the Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, expending its funds
44 to build, operate and maintain the transit system; the additional revenue
45 raised by the tax rate is to be dedicated to an independent board to
46 oversee and finance the acquisition, construction, equipping, and
47 operations and maintenance of the rapid transit system by providing
48 funds for loans and grants to develop or expand transportation within
49 the City, and to finance transit-supported anti-displacement
50 strategies. Last year, the ad valorem tax rate in the City of Austin was
51 \$0.4431 per \$100 valuation.

52 **PART 3.** The elections shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00
53 p.m. The location of the main early voting polling place, the dates and hours for
54 early voting, and the early voting clerk's official mailing address are provided in
55 Exhibit A, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance.

56 **PART 4.** A direct electronic recording voting system, as the term is defined in Title
57 8 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for early voting and for voting conducted
58 on election day. The central counting station is established at the Travis County
59 Elections Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

60 **PART 5.** Notice of these elections shall be given by posting and publishing a copy
61 of this ordinance in both English and Spanish. The notice and a copy of this
62 ordinance shall be posted, in both English and Spanish, in the office of the City Clerk
63 and at the City Hall notice kiosk not later than the 21st day before election day. Notice
64 of this election shall be published one time, not earlier than the 30th day before the

65 date of the election or later than the 10th day before the date of the election, in a
66 newspaper of general circulation in the City of Austin.

67 **PART 6.** In accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the
68 November 3, 2020 municipal elections may be held jointly with the various political
69 subdivisions that share territory with the City of Austin and that are holding elections
70 on that day. The City Clerk may enter and sign joint election agreements with other
71 political subdivisions for this purpose, and their terms as stated in the agreements
72 are hereby adopted.

73 **PART 7.** The Council finds that the need to immediately begin required
74 preparations for these elections constitutes an emergency. Because of this
75 emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate
76 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

77 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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82 Steve Adler
83 Mayor

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86 **APPROVED:** _____
87 Anne L. Morgan
88 City Attorney

86 **ATTEST:** _____
87 Jannette S. Goodall
88 City Clerk

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