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24 **WHEREAS**, the City Council approved the FY 2020-21 budget with
25 direction to reimagine public safety, including by transferring some current Austin
26 Police Department (APD) duties to other departments; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Code Department currently acts as an enforcement
28 arm of the City, responding to certain city code and safety violations on a complaint-
29 driven basis and issuing citations; and

30 **WHEREAS**, the September 2020 *APD Calls for Service Analysis*, conducted
31 by the Innovation Office and the APD, analyzed 911 call data from January 2017
32 through June 2020 and found that 4.1% of calls were in response to violations of a
33 city ordinance; and,

34 **WHEREAS**, this same analysis found that 5.3% of APD 911 calls were in
35 response to burglar alarms, with 88.3% of those being false alarms; and,

36 **WHEREAS**, 50.8% of all APD 911 calls during the period analyzed were
37 “Priority 3” calls, where there is no risk to property or life; and,

38 **WHEREAS**, the Austin Code Department, as a department that is part of the
39 City’s Public Safety Outcome Group, has the infrastructure to potentially expand its
40 duties in line with Public Safety Reform work; and

41 **BE IT RESOLVED:**

42 The City Manager is directed to work with the City Auditor to identify and
43 implement efficiency measures and improvements within the Austin Code
44 Department identified by the 2016 Consistency of Austin Code Investigations and
45 Resolutions Audit report, by the 2020 Audit Special Request Report, or as

discovered independently, and report back to City Council by November 20, 2020 with recommendations and actions implemented or planned.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is further directed to develop the budget and fee amendments necessary to effectively reimagine eligible and feasible enforcement, community, and dispatchable functions utilizing the Austin Code Department within the context of the reimagining public safety process outlined in the FY 2020-21 budget, and present the proposed amendments to City Council as part of the required mid-year budget amendment, no later than March 2021.

ADOPTED: _____, 2020 **ATTEST:** _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk