

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE WAIVING PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT FEES RELATED TO REPAIRING OR RECONSTRUCTING MULTI-FAMILY STRUCTURES AND REMOVING TREES AND TREE LIMBS DAMAGED AS A RESULT OF CERTAIN WINTER WEATHER EVENTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

## PART 1. FINDINGS.

- (1) On February 12, 2021, Governor Greg Abbott issued a Declaration of State of Disaster due to severe winter weather posing an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow and freezing rain statewide and declaring a state of disaster in all 254 Texas counties.
- (2) On February 14, 2021, Mayor Steve Adler issued a Declaration of Local Disaster due to severe winter weather posing an imminent threat of widespread and severe property damage, injury, and loss of life due to prolonged freezing temperatures, heavy snow and freezing rain.
- (3) From February 11, 2021, through February 19, 2021, the City of Austin, Texas experienced prolonged freezing temperatures, significant snow accumulation, and freezing rain (“February 2021 Winter Weather Event”).
- (4) During the February 2021 Winter Weather Event, many multi-family structures experienced burst pipes, which resulted in the flooding of units and common areas and other related cosmetic and structural damage.
- (5) The City has a health and safety interest in protecting its residents from the dangers posed by flooding and structural damage. There is an immediate need to prevent these structures from becoming further damaged.

## **PART 2. FEE WAIVERS FOR MULTI-FAMILY STRUCTURE REPAIRS.**

- (A) The city council waives all permitting and development fees that, in the judgment of the Building Official, are required to repair or reconstruct multi-family structures damaged or destroyed, and are removing trees and tree limbs damaged as a result of the February 2021 Winter Weather Event that occurred in the City of Austin’s planning jurisdiction. The fees covered by this waiver include, but are not limited to, permitting, plan review,

1 inspection, demolition, and variance fees. The fees covered by this waiver are for  
2 repairing existing multi-family structures. The fees covered by this waiver do not  
3 include fees for re-inspections.

4 (B) To the extent necessary, city council ratifies and authorizes the waiver of any fee  
5 described in Subsection (A) that was not assessed beginning on February 12, 2021,  
6 through the date of this ordinance.

7 **PART 3.** This ordinance expires on March 31, 2021.

8 **PART 4.** Based on the findings in Part 1 of this ordinance, the city council finds that repair  
9 and reconstruction of damaged multi-family structures; and removal of damaged trees and tree  
10 limbs constitute an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect  
11 immediately on its passage for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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13 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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18 \_\_\_\_\_, 2021  
19 Steve Adler  
20 Mayor

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22 **APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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