

RESOLUTION NO. 20210610-087

WHEREAS, the Texas Farmers' Market is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit corporation centered around hosting and educating Central Texas producers and consumers to grow a sustainable food system; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Farmers' Market is the only producer-run farmers' market in the Central Texas region, meaning that the Texas Farmers' Market inspects each farmer, rancher, and agricultural producer to ensure they adhere to sustainable practices and treat their animals humanely; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Farmers' Market is one of the biggest farmers' markets in Texas with more than 100 vendors and more than 5,000 weekly customers; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Farmers' Market occurs every Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 2006 Philomena Street; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Farmers' Market accepts Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Lonestar dollars and also allows for the "double dollar incentive" of SNAP Lonestar dollars for the purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Farmers' Market also issues and accepts Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers seasonally; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Farmers' Market also manages the Agricultural Producer Support Fund, which assists Texan farmers and ranchers to expand the quality and diversity of agricultural products that can be brought to the market and provides support during times of crisis or hardship; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Farmers' Market has moved locations to accommodate new vendors and more customers; and

WHEREAS, moving locations within neighborhoods require street closures and associated fees which is cost prohibitive for the operations of the Texas Farmers' Market; and

WHEREAS, if the Texas Farmers' Market is added to the list of City co-sponsored events, the City would waive the following estimated costs: a \$2,000 deposit fee, a \$250 application fee, a \$584.08 tech fee, and a \$14,352 road closure fee; and

WHEREAS, waiver of these fees in current and future years would provide a city public benefit by allowing the Texas Farmers' Market to continue its mission of empowering local and regional farmers and serving fresh produce in Austin year after year; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

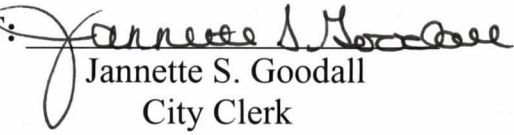
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to add the Texas Farmers' Market at 2006 Philomena Street as a City co-sponsored event and to take appropriate action to waive the fees related to the Texas Farmers' Market for this fiscal year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to include the Texas Farmers' Market at 2006 Philomena Street to the list of City co-sponsored events for which fees are waived

annually as part of the Fees, Fines, and other charges to be set or charged by the City in the ordinance adopted with the budget.

ADOPTED: June 10, 2021 **ATTEST:** 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk