

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

2 **WHEREAS**, the East Sixth Street corridor between Congress Avenue and
3 IH-35 in Downtown Austin has served as a significant mixed-use commercial and
4 entertainment destination since the City’s earliest days; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in recent decades, the corridor has evolved into an
6 internationally renowned entertainment district that has cemented Austin’s claim as
7 the ‘Live Music Capital of the World’; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the 2011 Downtown Austin Plan envisions Downtown as an
9 area with a ‘dense and livable pattern of development that supports a vibrant day
10 and night environment,’ and recommends as a way to reimagine East Sixth Street
11 as a destination for everyone to ‘introduce stepback provisions and other design
12 standards for building additions with the East Sixth Street National Register
13 District’; and

14 **WHEREAS**, amending land use regulations within the Historic Sixth Street
15 District to support a wider variety of uses could increase economic opportunity and
16 diversify business activity along East Sixth Street; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

18 The City Council initiates amendments to City Code Title 25 (*Land*
19 *Development Code*) related to the East Sixth/Pecan Street Combining District
20 Regulations (District).

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

22 The City Council directs the City Manager to prepare a Code amendment to
23 Section 25-2-643 (*Congress Avenue (CA), East Sixth/Pecan Street (PS), Downtown*
24 *Parks (DP), and Downtown Creeks (DC) Combining District Regulations*) to
25 accomplish the following:

- 26 a) Allow a structure located on East Sixth Street and east of Neches Street
27 and west of Sabine to have a maximum building height of 140 feet or that
28 allowable under the Capitol View Corridor, whichever is less; and
- 29 b) Create design standards, with specific guidelines for the preservation of
30 facades on historic structures, to ensure any redevelopment is compatible
31 with the character of the historic district.

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

33 As part of the ordinance process initiated above, the City staff, stakeholders,
34 relevant commissions, and the public may consider potential and related regulation
35 or ordinance changes in addition to or instead of those described above. In their
36 consideration of the appropriate land use in the District, this could include
37 recommendations for an alternate or additional small area planning or other
38 process.

39 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2022

ATTEST: _____

40 Myrna Rios
41 City Clerk