ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ENLARGING A SLOW – NO WAKE NAVIGATION CONTROL ZONE ON LAKE AUSTIN; AND CREATING AN OFFENSE.

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

PART 1. The council finds that:

(A) Lake Austin is a popular place of recreation for boaters, users of personal watercraft, swimmers, and other members of the public. As a result, Lake Austin is often crowded. This gives rise to the potential for dangerous conflicts and collisions between users.

(B) The area on Lake Austin under and around the Pennybacker Bridge creates a particularly high risk for dangerous collisions on Lake Austin. This area attracts crowds on the lake, there are boat rental vendors, there are popular boat ramps and marinas, and the mouth of a popular cove or creek is nearby.

(C) Restricting boat traffic on Lake Austin by enlarging the existing SLOW – NO WAKE navigation control zone in this hazardous area is necessary to protect public safety. Enlarging the navigation control zone in this area will protect public safety by calming boat traffic and reducing the risk of collision between lake users traveling at different speeds. The enlarged navigation control zone will be marked by navigation buoys.

(D) Subsection (B) of City Code § 8-5-2 (*Navigation Control Zones*) provides that the boundaries of the navigation control zones are depicted on the "Navigation Control Zone Map" on file with the City Clerk. Exhibit 1 depicts the newly enlarged navigation control zone and will be filed with the City Clerk to be incorporated into the "Navigation Control Zone Map."

PART 2. The council enacts the following:

(A) The existing SLOW – NO WAKE navigation control zone shall be enlarged as shown on the map attached as Exhibit 1. A person operating a watercraft within the area established as a SLOW – NO WAKE navigation control zone on Exhibit 1 shall comply with subsection (A)(10) of City Code § 8-5-2 (*Navigation Control Zones*).

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(B) A person commits an offense if the person does not comply with the regulations indicated by the navigation buoys marking the SLOW – NO WAKE navigation control zone.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2022.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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_____ , 2022 § _____
Steve Adler
Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____

Anne L. Morgan
City Attorney

Myrna Rios
City Clerk

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