

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, wildfire is one of the top natural disaster risks to the City of Austin, and the City has one of the highest risks of wildfire in the nation by structure reconstruction cost, according to the most recent CoreLogic report; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted part of the International Wildland Urban Interface Code (WUIC) in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the WUIC contains provisions addressing fire spread, accessibility, defensible space, water supply, and more for buildings constructed near wildland areas; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the partial WUIC, the City has conducted extensive outreach to residents and stakeholders regarding its implementation, and is permitting 300 units a month under WUIC provisions; and

WHEREAS, certain provisions of the WUIC were not included in the adopted version and were intended to be included as amendments to the Land Development Code in a parallel process; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of those items will provide needed protections within the Wildland-Urban Interface Area and bring the City closer to full WUIC adoption; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

The City Council initiates amendments to City Code Title 25 (Land Development Code) to address wildfire risk and wildfire mitigation, and directs the City Manager to prepare an ordinance that addresses the provisions listed in Exhibit A of this Resolution, and any other

International WUIC elements deemed necessary by the Fire Marshall and informed by the experience implementing the WUIC to date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

The City Council directs the City Manager to conduct an affordability impact analysis and a fiscal impact analysis for each proposed code or process change resulting from this Resolution.

ADOPTED: _____, 2022

ATTEST: _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk