

RESOLUTION NO. 20220616-090

WHEREAS, providing ongoing and coordinated digital services to meet the needs of the community by ensuring that all residents have access to internet connectivity, hardware availability, digital literacy training, and access to relevant information is a goal established in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, a primary goal established in Imagine Austin is that everyone in Austin is provided with an equal opportunity for the highest quality of education that allows them to fully develop their potential and ensure that our children receive the resources and services they need to thrive and learn; and

WHEREAS, too many families do not have reliable access to speedy internet access for homework, studying, and other general educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, over 20 percent of students in the Austin Independent School District (District) have been using hot-spots; and

WHEREAS, between March 2020 and July 2022, nearly 30,000 hot-spots have been used to connect District students to the internet, at a cost of \$7,171,242 for delivery of hot-spots; and

WHEREAS, the District is seeking to improve telecommunication services on and around all campuses by providing free services to their students and their families for educational purposes where internet access has historically been limited through the development of telecommunication towers on school campuses; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to establish the site development standards for the telecommunications towers; and

WHEREAS, Texas Local Government Code Section 212.902 authorizes the City and District to enter into an agreement related to land development standards applicable to District property; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to draft an agreement with the District that will support the District's efforts to improve telecommunication services on and around all school campuses, including providing for site development standards associated with telecommunication towers, and to present the agreement and an ordinance adopting the agreement to City Council for consideration.

ADOPTED: June 16, 2022 **ATTEST:** Stephanie Hall for
Myrna Rios
City Clerk