

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

2 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin invests in multiple programs to encourage
3 more transit and fewer car trips, particularly in areas such as Downtown with
4 limited parking; and

5 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has set a goal of achieving a 50-50 mode
6 share split by 2039, whereby fifty percent of commuters would be using modes
7 other than single-occupancy vehicles; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the City has engaged in much discussion about the ways that
9 free and/or low-cost parking may in some circumstances encourage car trips in lieu
10 of other forms of transportation; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin owns and operates multiple parking garages
12 in the Downtown area; and

13 **WHEREAS**, beginning in 2011, the City of Austin began installing more
14 paid parking meters throughout the Downtown area, prompting concerns from
15 service industry workers about the removal of free parking options; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin responded by creating the “Affordable
17 Parking Program,” allowing service industry employees and musicians to purchase
18 monthly passes in City-owned garages at the substantially reduced cost of \$35 per
19 month; and

20 **WHEREAS**, City garages provide free parking to employees and visitors
21 engaging in city business; and

22 **WHEREAS**, most Downtown City-owned garages have excess parking that
23 they can make available to individuals for an hourly or block-period rate; and

24 **WHEREAS**, parking fees in City-owned garages get applied toward the
25 costs of operating that facility and, when relevant, toward debt payments; and

26 **WHEREAS**, the City has not done cost of service studies to update the
27 pricing in its parking garages, and while assets such as the Seaholm Garage tend to
28 charge higher rates indistinguishable from other garages in the area, the City Hall
29 and Convention Center garages have instituted rates that may not return the cost to
30 provide the service; and

31 **WHEREAS**, City Council raised parking garage rates at the City Hall
32 garage to better reflect its costs of maintaining and operating the parking garage
33 and the building; and

34 **WHEREAS**, the Convention Center Garages, located near the Red Line
35 train station and bus routes 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 17, and 803 attract many visitors to the
36 Downtown and Rainey Street area, especially during evening hours; and

37 **WHEREAS**, the Convention Center has the following rates approved by
38 Council as part of the fees and fines to be set or charged by the City for Fiscal Year
39 2022-2023:

0 – 30 minutes	Grace Period
30 minutes – 2 hours	\$5.00
2 hours – 9 hours	\$10.00
9 hours – 12 hours	\$15.00
12+ \$3/hour w/max	\$48.00

41 **WHEREAS**, the Convention Center can and does validate parking tickets
42 for free or discounted rates for conventions and events taking place; and

43 **WHEREAS**, parking fee revenue is used to pay off debt related to the
44 Convention Center; and

45 **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin has a responsibility to manage and operate
46 its building and facilities in a fiscally responsible manner; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

48 The City Council establishes the following revised fees for the Convention
49 Center parking garage for the Fiscal Year 2023:

0 – 30 minutes	Grace Period
30 minutes – 1 hour	\$10.00
1 hour – 2 hours	\$20.00
2 hours – 3 hours	\$30.00
3 hours – 4 hours	\$40.00
4 hours – 24 hours	\$48.00

50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

51 The Convention Center shall participate in the City of Austin’s Affordable
52 Parking Program.

53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

54 The City Manager is directed to produce quarterly reports showing the
55 impact of the increased hourly rates and to bring forward action to Council to
56 change those fees, if appropriate. The City Manager shall also include in these
57 reports information detailing the number and total value of validated parking
58 tickets and contracts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall present information to City Council prior to or during Fiscal Year 2024 budget deliberations about parking rates and revenues at the Austin Convention Center and other City-owned garages.

ADOPTED: _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk

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