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2 **ORDINANCE NO.**

3 **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE COMMISSION ON SENIORS.**

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

5 **PART 1.** The City Code is amended by adding a new Section 2-1-131 to read as follows:

6 **§ 2-1-131 COMMISSION ON SENIORS.**

7 (A) The Commission on Seniors shall serve as an advisory board to the council
8 concerning the quality of life for senior citizens in the Austin area and to help
9 ensure older adults are productive, independent, and healthy.

10 (B) The council shall appoint 11 commission members:

11 (1) the mayor may nominate two commission members and each council
12 member may nominate one commission member;

13 (2) The Travis County Commissioners Court shall appoint one commission
14 member;

15 (3) The Area Agency on Aging of the Capital Area shall appoint one
16 commission member;

17 (4) The Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall appoint one
18 commission member.

19 (C) The commission should include members who are representatives of or
20 sensitive to the needs of the senior population. Members should have
21 substantive knowledge on issues concerning senior citizens including but not
22 limited to health, affordable housing, basic needs, transportation, social
23 engagement and inclusion, and caregiver support. The commission as whole
24 should strive to represent a diversity of ethnicity, race, and gender; and include
25 older adults who are representatives of the senior population.

26 (D) The commission shall:

27 (1) advise the council on issues related to the senior population in the
28 Austin area;

29 (2) evaluate and recommend programs, policies, and practices that create a
30 positive impact and reduce the burden on seniors;

