ORDINANCE NO. <u>20160901-006</u>

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-1-122 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO THE BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION.

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

PART 1. City Code Section 2-1-122 is amended to read:

§ 2-1-122 BUILDING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION.

- (A) The Building and Standards Commission is established to hear cases concerning alleged violations of the City's regulations and ordinances relating to the condition of and minimum standards for the maintenance of existing residential and nonresidential structures, premises, property, and establishments. [The commission consists of two panels. The panels may schedule their meetings and divide their caseloads to hear cases efficiently.]
- (B) [Each panel consists of 11-members.] Each member of the commission [each panel] is appointed for a term of two years or until a successor is appointed and qualified. A vacancy is filled for the unexpired term.
- (C) The fire marshal and the health authority are ex officio members of [each panel of] the commission. An ex officio member may designate a representative to attend a hearing.
- (D) The code official or the code official's designee shall present cases to <u>the</u> <u>commission</u> [each panel] and keep <u>the commission's</u> [each panel's] records.
- (E) The city council may remove a commission member for cause on a written charge. Before a decision regarding removal is made, the city council must hold a public hearing on the matter if requested by the commission member who is subject to the removal action.
- (F) <u>The [Each panel of the]</u> Building and Standards Commission shall have the powers and duties granted by, and shall comply with the procedures of, Texas Local Government Code Chapter 54, Subchapter C (*Quasi-Judicial Enforcement Of Health And Safety Ordinances*), Texas Local Government Code Chapter 214 (*Municipal Regulation of Housing and Other Structures*), Subchapter A (*Dangerous Structures*), City Code Chapter 4-14 (*Registration of Rental Property*), and City Code Chapter 25-12, Article 9 (*International Property Maintenance Code*).

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PART 2. This ordinance takes effect on September 12, 2016.

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