

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL EVENT DAYS AT FESTIVAL BEACH AT EDWARD RENDON SENIOR METROPOLITAN PARK FOR THE 2017 PRIDE FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 20-21, 2017.

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

PART 1. FINDINGS. The council finds the following:

1. The annual Austin Pride Festival was scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2017;
2. An unprecedented storm, Hurricane Harvey, hit the Texas coast and was projected to generate significant rains in the Austin area between August 25th and 26th;
3. Hurricane Harvey required the National Weather Service, Homeland Security Emergency Management, and the City of Austin to cancel all events scheduled that weekend in order to focus on public safety and to respond to the natural disaster;
4. Because of Hurricane Harvey, the Austin Pride Festival and the City rescheduled the event to Saturday, October 21, 2017;
5. Like most major events with a projected attendance of over 7,500 visitors, the booking of entertainment for the Austin Pride Festival must be done well in advance of the event;
6. A number of entertainers booked for the original date are unavailable on the new date, but available the night before;
7. Maintaining a high level of entertainment for the festival will allow the Austin Pride Festival to offer the great cultural experience expected of festival-attendees;
8. Festival Beach at Edward Rendon Senior Metropolitan Park will already be fenced off for festival set-up on Friday, October 20, 2017 in preparation for the Saturday rescheduled date; and
9. Due to the unexpected and extenuating circumstances of a natural disaster, allowing the Austin Pride Festival to use Fiesta Gardens for both the evening of Friday, October 20, 2017, and Saturday, October 21, 2017, would alleviate much of the burden of rescheduling and assist in maintaining the character of such a large and important community event.

1 **PART 2.** For the reasons described above, Council amends Section 8-1-15(C)(2) (*Limits*
2 *on Special Events*) to increase the number of special event days from one day to two days
3 for the Pride Festival for the 2017 event year only. This amendment authorizes the 2017
4 Pride Festival to use Festival Beach at Edward Rendon Senior Metropolitan Park for the
5 following special event days: October 20, 2017 and October 21, 2017.

6 **PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2017.

7 **PASSED AND APPROVED**

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11 _____, 2017 § _____
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13 Steve Adler
14 Mayor

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16 **APPROVED:** _____
17 Anne L. Morgan
18 City Attorney

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20 **ATTEST:** _____
21 Jannette S. Goodall
22 City Clerk