

RESOLUTION NO. 20181129-037

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which consists of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties, has air pollution levels that are close to violating the federal standards for ground-level ozone (O₃); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets federal air quality standards at levels it considers necessary to protect human health and public welfare from harm; and

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's continued compliance with federal air quality standards is important to ensure public health, protect economic growth, and address the region's transportation needs; and

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's air pollution regularly reaches levels that the EPA considers "moderate" or "unhealthy for sensitive groups" based on its air quality index (AQI); and

WHEREAS, actions which reduce emission of ozone-causing pollutants may have other environmental and health benefits, such as, reduced emissions of greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC), of which City of Austin is a member, is charged with the development and implementation of a clean air plan to maintain compliance with federal air quality standards and the development of policies and strategies to guide CAC members about actions that will achieve clean air in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has a long history of participating in regional clean air plans in coordination with regional partners in the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG); and

WHEREAS, the region's current air quality plan is set to expire at the end of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has requested that City of Austin take action to formally participate in a new regional air quality plan for 2019-2023; and

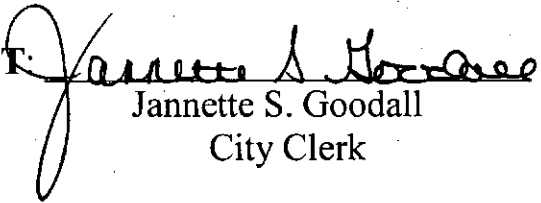
WHEREAS, the goals of the new regional air quality plan are to: 1) maximize the probability of compliance with federal air quality standards, and 2) minimize health and environmental impacts associated with regional air pollution; and

WHEREAS, controlling and reducing emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and improving public awareness about air quality are critical to supporting the goals of the new regional air quality plan; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to participate in the 2019-2023 regional air quality plan by, at a minimum, including emission reduction measures in the regional plan to be completed by the City of Austin and reporting on implementation of the City of Austin measures annually to CAPCOG.

ADOPTED: November 29, 2018 **ATTEST:**


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk