ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE 2 3 PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS A PROPOSED CITIZEN-**INITIATED ORDINANCE REGARDING THE CONVEYANCE OF CITY-**4 5 **OWNED PROPERTY FOR SPORTS OR ENTERTAINMENT FACILITIES;** 6 **PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION;** 7 AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO JOINT ELECTION **AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AS** 8 MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE 9 10 **ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

PART 1. A special election shall be held in the City of Austin on November 5, 2019, to submit to the voters of the City a proposed citizen-initiated ordinance regarding the conveyance of city-owned property for sports or entertainment facilities; providing for the conduct of the special election. The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting "Yes" or "No" on the proposition:

17 Proposition A: Ballot Language to be Determined

PART 2. If the proposition provided in Part 1 is approved by the majority of voters
voting at the election, the City Code is amended to read as follows:

- 20 **ARTICLE __.**
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Part 1. The City shall not sell, lease, convey, mortgage, or otherwise alienate 23 any City-owned land that will be used as a sports stadium, sports facility, 24 sports arena, and/or entertainment stadium, entertainment facility or 25 entertainment arena unless approved by an affirmative vote of at least three-26 fourths of the members of the City Council and by a majority of the qualified 27 voters in a municipal election, submitting the question and setting forth the 28 final terms and conditions under which such sale, lease, conveyance, 29 mortgage, or alienation is to be made, including, without limitation, a list of 30 any ad valorem taxes from which the proposed stadium, facility, or arena and 31 land will be exempt. 32

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Part 2. No such sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or alienation shall be effective unless and until the lessee, buyer, mortgagee, beneficiary, or recipient of the City-owned land posts with the City Attorney of the City a payment and performance bond guaranteeing the lessee's, buyer's, mortgagee's, beneficiary's, or recipient's payment and performance of all of its obligations under said lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation in an amount approved and accepted by the affirmative vote of at least threefourths of the members of the City Council.

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Part 3. The City shall require that the lessees, purchasers, or recipients of said 43 City-owned land shall pay all ad valorem taxes each tax year due on said land 44 45 and any improvements in any agreement relating to such sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation; or, if such land is determined to be 46 exempt from taxation, the City shall require said lessees, purchasers, or 47 recipients to make an annual payment in lieu of taxes to the City in an amount 48 equal to the ad valorem taxes which would have been owed in that tax year to 49 the tax assessor-collector for all taxing entities taken together if the land and 50 improvements had been determined to be taxable. 51

- Part 4. Notwithstanding any exceptions to public disclosure pursuant to the 53 Texas Public Information Act which could be claimed by the City, any party, 54 or its agents or representatives, to any such agreement relating to such sale, 55 lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation, all agreements, documents, 56 files, communications and records relating to the sale, lease, conveyance, 57 mortgage, or other alienation of said City-owned land shall be promptly 58 disclosed to the public upon request by any person and shall be deemed public 59 information under the Texas Public Information Act. 60
- Part 5. This ordinance shall apply to any sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, 62 or other alienation of any City-owned land that is or will be used as a sports 63 stadium, sports facility, sports arena, and/or entertainment stadium, 64 entertainment facility or entertainment arena regardless of the effective date 65 of the sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation alienation, except 66 that this ordinance shall not apply to periodic events, such as the Austin City 67 Limits Music Festival or the Trail of Lights, that have been held since prior to 68 January 1, 2018. 69 70
- Part 6. The City shall require the submittal and customary review of
 applications for a site development permit and all variances related thereto or
 necessary for the development of any such sports stadium, sports facility,
 sports arena, entertainment stadium, entertainment facility and/or
 entertainment arena on or to be located on City-owned land to go through the

City's normal development review processes, and said site development
permit and variances shall not be valid or approved unless and until they are
approved by the affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of
the City Council.

Part 7. The site development permit for any sports stadium, sports facility, 81 sports arena. entertainment stadium, entertainment facility and/or 82 entertainment arena on or to be located on City-owned land must be approved 83 by a majority of the qualified voters of the City in a municipal election prior 84 85 to the construction of the sports stadium, sports facility, sports arena, 86 entertainment stadium, entertainment facility and/or entertainment arena if the sale, lease, conveyance, mortgage, or other alienation of said City-owned land 87 has not been submitted to the voters in a municipal election pursuant to Part 88 1, hereof. 89

- Part 8. The lessee, recipient, mortgagee, or other beneficiary of City-owned 91 land on which a sports stadium, sports facility, sports arena, and/or 92 entertainment stadium, entertainment facility or entertainment arena is or will 93 be constructed shall be responsible for all off-site infrastructure costs and 94 municipal services costs related to or necessitated by the construction and 95 operation of the facility, arena, or stadium, including, without limitation, 96 vehicle and pedestrian transportation, additions, improvements or alterations 97 to mass transit, wet and dry utilities, parking infrastructure, police service, fire 98 service, and Emergency Medical Services. 99
- Part 9. This ordinance shall be liberally construed to ensure the public's right to all and complete information about and to vote on sales, leases, conveyances, mortgages or alienations of City land for any sports stadium, sports facility, sports arena, and/or entertainment stadium, entertainment facility or entertainment arena before it can become effective.
- Part 10. If any provision of this Ordinance or its application to any circumstances or person is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable to the maximum extent allowed by law.
- Part 11. This Ordinance shall be effective as of the date that it is adopted by a
 majority of the voters of the City of Austin.
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116 **PART 3**. The election shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00

117 p.m. The address of the main early voting locations and the mailing address of each

- 118 of the early voting clerks are detailed in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated as a
- 119 part of this ordinance.

PART 4. A direct electronic recording voting system, as the term is defined in Title 8 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for early voting and for voting conducted on election day. The central counting station is established at the Travis County Elections Division 5501 Airmort Devleverd Austin Texas

123 Elections Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

PART 5. Notice of this election shall be given by posting and publishing a copy of this ordinance in both English and Spanish. The notice and a copy of this ordinance shall be posted, in both English and Spanish, in the office of the City Clerk and at the City Hall notice kiosk not later than the 21st day before election day. Notice of this election shall be published one time, not earlier than the 30th day before the date of the election or later than the 10th day before the date of the election, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Austin.

PART 6. In accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the November 5, 2019 municipal special election may be held jointly with the various political subdivisions that share territory with the City of Austin and that are holding elections on that day. The City Clerk may enter and sign joint election agreements with other political subdivisions for this purpose, and their terms as stated in the agreements are hereby adopted.

PART 7. The Council finds that the need to immediately begin required
preparations for this election constitutes an emergency. Because of this emergency,
this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation
of the public peace, health, and safety.

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145			Steve Adler
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149	APPROVED:	ATTEST:	
150	Anne L. Morgan		Jannette S. Goodall
151	City Attorney		City Clerk
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152	Exhibit A		
153	Exhibit A: Main early voting location information and Early Voting Clerk mailing addresses		
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