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continues to appeal to residents and visitors alike; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 Downtown Design Guidelines recommended creating drinking fountains throughout the urban landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, City Code requires that drinking fountains be included as part of the design of certain public facilities, including municipal pools; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2016 Age Friendly Action Plan recommends increasing the number of public spaces equipped with drinking fountains as one strategy for increasing access to open spaces and public buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, Council has received testimony in recent years urging the City of Austin to install drinking fountains in Downtown; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, Austin experienced 51 days with temperatures 100 degrees or higher, and 42 such days in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change is causing temperatures to rise, and 2018 was Austin's third-hottest summer of record; and

**WHEREAS**, access to free fresh water, particularly during the warm summer months, is vital to life and health; and

**WHEREAS**, drinking fountains in our growing Downtown would serve a variety of diverse users, including visitors, Downtown employees and patrons, individuals experiencing homelessness, and individuals using bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure; and

24           **WHEREAS**, many cities of all sizes have recognized the importance of free  
25 drinking fountains and have invested in this infrastructure; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

27           The City Manager is directed to consult with the relevant City departments,  
28 the Downtown Austin Alliance, and other interested stakeholders to identify at  
29 least 10 locations within the boundaries of I-35, 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Lady Bird Lake, and  
30 Lamar Boulevard, that would be suitable to install free, ADA complaint, 24-hour  
31 drinking fountains. At least two of these proposed locations should be in the area  
32 bounded by Red River Street, E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Trinity Street, and E. 7<sup>th</sup> Street and one  
33 in the area near E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, in the general vicinity of the Downtown Metro Rail  
34 Station and the Convention Center.

35           The City Manager is directed to bring forth both the proposed locations and  
36 a budge estimate for the installation, operations, and maintenance of drinking  
37 fountains no later than September 1, 2019, so Council may consider a budget  
38 allocation during the FY 19-20 budget adoption process. The City Manager is  
39 directed to analyze whether these costs could be borne by the Austin Water Utility.

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

41           Should a FY 19-20 budget allocation be successful, the City Manager is  
42 directed to expedite the procurement process so drinking fountains can be installed  
43 and functional as quickly as possible.

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45 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk