

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, after conducting a community engagement process with public and commercial stakeholders to find solutions that would enhance safety, capacity, and efficiency of the Walsh Boat Landing facilities, the City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) closed the Walsh Boat Landing on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 for construction of improvements, which are expected to be completed in March of 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin Duck Adventures is a local tour company that has operated since 1999 in Austin, Texas, offering guided amphibious tours of many of the city’s historic landmarks to children and adults; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin Duck Adventures’ Hydra-Terra vehicles had been accessing the Colorado River at the Walsh Boat Landing for the water portion of their tours until their regular operations were halted at the start of construction on the site; and

**WHEREAS**, Austin Duck Adventures' tours are the top selling tour ticket item at the Austin Visitor Center and during Fiscal Year 2018-2019 yielded approximately \$343,780 in sales, of which 12% of each ticket sold went to Visit Austin to be used for promoting and marketing other local Austin businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, when operating on the water, Austin Duck Adventures' Hydra-Terra vehicles utilize a closed cooling system with a radiator that - unlike many other motorized boats which release hydrocarbons and other exhaust fumes that pollute the water - does not intake or discharge water from the lake to cool the engine; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

24 The City Manager is directed to provide Austin Duck Adventures limited access to  
25 Lady Bird Lake at the Festival Beach Boat Ramp until summer 2020 or until another viable  
26 alternative becomes available, whichever occurs sooner.

27 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

28 The City Manager is directed to limit Austin Duck Adventures' use of the Festival  
29 Beach Boat Ramp to no more than two times per day on weekdays from 11am to 4pm and  
30 three times per day on weekends from 11am to 6pm.

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32 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2019

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

33 Jannette S. Goodall  
34 City Clerk