

RESOLUTION NO. 20200326-092

WHEREAS, in response to the coronavirus pandemic, the U.S. Center for Disease Control has recommended teleworking to suppress transmission of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin and many of the area's major companies and local businesses have shifted as much of their workforce as possible to teleworking; and

WHEREAS, orders to close bars and restaurants and prohibitions on gatherings to maintain public health and safety have resulted in more people being at home during the workday; and

WHEREAS, many individuals in the Austin area have lost employment or wages during this period in which seasonal temperatures are expected to increase;

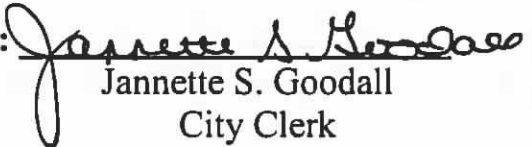
NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Council directs the City Manager to explore options available to reduce the impact of utility bills during the time we are asking our community to work from or otherwise stay at home to help reduce the spread of the coronavirus. At a minimum, the City Manager should consider adjusting eligibility criteria for the Plus 1 emergency financial aid program to make it accessible to individuals who

have experienced an impact to their job or earnings as a result of COVID-19 and consider other options for utility rate relief for residential customers.

ADOPTED: March 26, 2020

ATTEST: 
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk