

ORDINANCE NO. 20200423-069

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 GENERAL FUND EMERGENCY RESERVE FUND (ORDINANCE NO. 20190910-001) TO APPROPRIATE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,101,511 FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

PART 1. FINDINGS.

(A) On March 6, 2020, the City of Austin and Travis County issued a Declaration of Local Disaster that allows the City to take measures to reduce the possibility of exposure to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and promote the health and safety of Austin and Travis County residents; and

(B) On March 13, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a Declaration of State of Disaster to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of Texans; and

(C) Subsequent executive orders in the City of Austin, Travis County, and the State of Texas to limit Austin business operations and residents' interactions have been necessary to protect and promote public health, in alignment with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC"); and

(D) These and other necessary measures taken by jurisdictions across the United States and the world to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic have limited public interactions, closed schools and businesses, and resulted in economic uncertainty that has left an unprecedented number of Austin residents in need of relief and has left Austin needing to take actions to halt the spread of the disease.

(E) Council finds this action to amend this budget is needed to enter into contracts as are necessary to protect public health and safety and provide food and shelter as needed related to the COVID-19 pandemic for Austin residents.

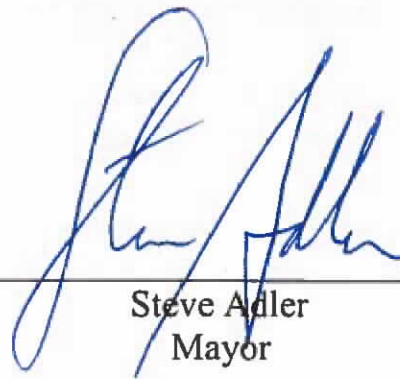
PART 2. Council amends the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 General Fund Emergency Reserve Fund (Ordinance No. 20190910-001) to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$2,101,511 for this fund to be used for COVID-19-related emergency housing and support services.

PART 3. The COVID-19 pandemic and related emergency declarations and orders constitute an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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