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2 **ORDINANCE NO.**
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4 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 2 RELATING TO CITY**
5 **COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND THE MUNICIPAL COURT, AND CREATING**
6 **A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.**
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8 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**
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10 **PART 1.** Subsection (B) of City Code Section 2-5-103 (*Council Committees Created;*
11 *Subject Matter of Each Committee*) is amended to read as follows:

12 (B) Council creates the following standing committees:

- 13 (1) The Audit and Finance Committee may review audit reports, matters related to
14 the city auditor, the city clerk, internal services, bond oversight, purchasing and
15 contract audits, taxation, financial policy, government performance, bonds and
16 City debt, bond-funded programs, retirement systems, employee benefits,
17 banking and investment policies, performance metrics and reporting, budget
18 matters, affordability, and related matters. The Audit and Finance Committee
19 shall also have oversight of the City's boards and commissions.
- 20 (2) The Mobility Committee may review land use as it concerns mobility, all
21 transportation modes including, roads, aviation, public transit, pedestrian
22 programs, bicycle programs, ground transportation, taxicab regulation, Lone Star
23 Rail, core transit corridors, and related matters.
- 24 (3) The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee may review issues related to the
25 City's electric utility. The Austin Energy Utility Oversight Committee is a
26 committee of the whole council. Six members of the committee are a quorum,
27 and the favorable votes of a majority of the quorum present at the meeting are
28 required for the committee to take action. The committee may create
29 subcommittees, including a subcommittee to address Austin Energy's business
30 model.
- 31 (4) The Health and Human Services Committee may review social services,
32 education, public health, health care services, animal welfare, sustainable food,
33 social equity, veterans' affairs, populations at risk, and related matters.

34 (5) The Housing and Planning Committee may review housing and related land use
35 and mobility issues, community development block grants, the City's
36 comprehensive plan, the land development code, development processes,
37 neighborhood planning, noise, annexations, and related matters.

38 (6) ~~The Judicial Public Safety Committee may review the municipal court, the~~
39 ~~Downtown Austin Community Court, policing issues, criminal justice,~~
40 ~~emergency medical services, fire services, emergency management, code~~
41 ~~compliance, and related matters. including making recommendations to the full~~
42 ~~council on the following:~~

43 ~~(a) appointment of municipal court judges, including the presiding judge;~~

44 ~~(b) evaluation of the performance of the presiding judge of the municipal court;~~

45 ~~(c) consultation with municipal court judges on the development of performance~~
46 ~~criteria for the evaluation of municipal court judges under Section 2-10-~~
47 ~~11(B)(10) (Presiding Judge);~~

48 ~~(d) appointment of the clerk of the municipal court;~~

49 ~~(e) appointment of the judge of the Downtown Austin Community Court; and~~

50 ~~(f) evaluation of the performance of the judge of the Downtown Austin~~
51 ~~Community Court.~~

52 (7) The Austin Water Oversight Committee may review issues related to the City's
53 water utility, including mission, scope and responsibilities of relevant advisory
54 commissions and task forces, strategic plans, major capital purchases or
55 transactions, and financial policies and the financial status of the utility.

56 **PART 2.** Subsection (B) of City Code Section 2-10-11 (Presiding Judge) is amended to
57 read:

58 (B) The presiding judge shall:

59 (1) maintain administrative control and oversight of municipal court judges;

60 (2) adopt rules for the orderly trial of a case in the municipal court;

61 (3) maintain a central docket for the cases within the municipal court's jurisdiction;

- 62 (4) distribute cases from the central docket to the municipal judges to equalize the
63 workload of each judge;
- 64 (5) set the work hours for each judge;
- 65 (6) schedule and approve vacation, sick leave, and other absences for each judge;
- 66 (7) assign the duties of each judge;
- 67 (8) assign municipal judges to exchange benches and to act for each other in a pending
68 proceeding;
- 69 (9) if necessary, assign a substitute judge to act in a judge's absence;
- 70 (10) at least twice during each term, evaluate the performance of each judge on
71 criteria other than a decision made in a judicial proceeding and forward the
72 evaluation to the Council ~~Judicial~~ Public Safety Committee; and
- 73 (11) perform the other duties of the presiding judge under Chapter 30 (Municipal Courts
74 of Record) of the Texas Government Code.

75 **PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2020.

76 **PASSED AND APPROVED:**

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80 _____, 2020 § _____
81 Steve Adler
82 Mayor

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85 **APPROVED:** _____
86 Anne L. Morgan
87 City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk