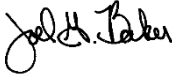




## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Joel G. Baker, Fire Chief 

DATE: July 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Extension for Wildfire Prevention Efforts Report

On April 9, 2020, City Council adopted the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Code, Ordinance No. [20200409-040](#)). Council Member Alison Alter made a motion from the dais requesting additional strategies be incorporated into Austin's wildfire prevention efforts, such as providing extensive stakeholder engagement, addressing the roles and responsibilities of homeowners and land management entities, and exploring the creation of community refuges as a related option for wildfire preparedness.

The motion directed the City Manager to provide a report to the City Council within three months. Due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic and the relocation of the Austin Fire Department's Prevention Division from One Texas Center to Highland Mall Boulevard, we are requesting a 30-day extension to provide a comprehensive and thorough response to Council Member Alter's motions. We anticipate completing this work and providing the report on August 10, 2020.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

cc: Spencer Cronk, City Manager  
CMO Executive Team