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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL EVENTS DAYS AT
ZILKER METROPOLITAN PARK FOR THE 2020 TRAIL OF LIGHTS EVENT.**

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

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PART 1. FINDINGS. The council finds the following:

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1. The annual Trail of Lights event occurs in December annually and is a partnership with the City of Austin (“Trail of Lights Event”);
 2. An unprecedented pandemic, COVID -19, has affected the globe and created enhanced safety requirements and significant planning which has affected live events world-wide;
 3. Planning for large events in any year requires significant dependable variables to allow for appropriate organization, promotion and publication of event details;
 4. A traditional in-person event is not possible, safe or in alignment with protecting the community’s health;
 5. For the 2020 event year, a drive-through event may be the only safe way for Austinites to enjoy holiday activities;
 6. The timeline needed to plan a successful event that can accommodate a modified number of attendees in vehicles requires advance approval of the maximum number of event nights possible to ensure a meaningful experience for the maximum number of Austinites possible in a drive-through event;
 7. The Trail of Lights Event must obtain Austin Public Health’s approval as well as comply with City’s special event permitting process;
 8. Approximately 1300 cars per event night can be safely accommodated in a drive-through model;
 9. A drive through event will allow Barton Springs Road, FM 2244 and Texas Loop 1 (MoPac) access roads to remain open;
 10. A drive through event will allow existing Trail of Lights Foundation’s programs such as “STARS Nights” to continue;
 11. The Trail of Lights Foundation will not assess an admission fee in 2020; and

