

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City of Austin honors, respects, and encourages election participation from all eligible voters; and

WHEREAS, in the State of Texas, elections take place over multiple days, inclusive of early voting and Election Day; and

WHEREAS, Travis, Hays, and Williamson Counties work hard to secure polling sites within the city for voters to cast ballots during these dates; and

WHEREAS, at times there are long wait times to cast one's ballot; and

WHEREAS, while many polling sites are on transit lines and walkable from nearby residences, many voters still need to drive personal vehicles to polling sites, some of which have limited parking availability, and require the use of metered or otherwise citable parking options; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Court hearing officers have broad discretion to dismiss parking citations for "interest of justice" reasons; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Manager is directed to explore and provide recommendations to Council for any rules or ordinance changes necessary to dismiss citations and

eliminate penalties or other barriers for those accessing or remaining at polling locations for the purposes of voting or working at a polling site.

ADOPTED: _____, 2020 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk