

27 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20190808-078 directed the City Manager to
28 determine an accountability and regular reporting structure to City Council on
29 overarching climate change goals and mobilization efforts and to promote inter-
30 departmental coordination to ensure that existing emergency management plans
31 offer an aligned approach to the threats of the climate crisis and natural hazards,
32 including wildfire and flooding, and to identify where planning gaps may exist;
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34 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20150604-044 directed the Flood Mitigation
35 Task Force to review existing flood mitigation and preparedness strategies, which
36 resulted in the recommendation to implement City policies, programs, training
37 opportunities and interdepartmental collaboration to enhance flood mitigation and
38 preparedness; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

40 The City Manager is directed to take the following steps to increase flood
41 protection and flood resiliency:

- 42 1. Develop a concise summary of Austin’s current flood management
43 approach to reduce flood risks in Onion Creek, Walnut Creek, Shoal
44 Creek, Williamson Creek, Bull Creek, and other City watersheds no
45 later than April 30, 2021.
- 46 2. Develop near-term recommendations based on sound scientific data to
47 further reduce flood risks in Onion Creek, Walnut Creek, Shoal
48 Creek, Williamson Creek, Bull Creek, and other City areas where
49 there is localized flooding no later than April 30, 2021, including
50 proposed Land Development Code amendments to include, but not be
51 limited to:
 - 52 a. drainage management for redevelopment;
 - 53 b. a redevelopment exception to reduce flood risk for commercial
54 properties in the floodplain; and
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57 c. provisions to ensure that commercial and residential
58 development comply with zoning impervious cover limits,
59 including residential additions and accessory dwelling units.
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61 3. Develop a scope of work around the implementation of a resilient and
62 equitable community plan to address the economic and social
63 recovery of individuals experiencing devastating impacts from flood
64 events in Onion Creek, Walnut Creek, Shoal Creek, Williamson
65 Creek, Bull Creek, and other City watersheds no later than April 30,
66 2021. This should include potential funding strategies while
67 considering engagement with local businesses, community
68 organizations, schools, hospitals/medical facilities, agricultural
69 landowners, and others who could be affected by floods within Onion
70 Creek, Walnut Creek, Shoal Creek, Williamson Creek, Bull Creek,
71 and other City watersheds.
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73 4. Refine and expand existing strategies to manage flood risk for safety,
74 resilience, and equity as part of the planning process to revise the
75 Watershed Protection Strategic Plan to be started in spring 2021. This
76 should include funding strategies, potential partnerships with
77 stakeholders affected by floods, and potential acquisition of open
78 space.
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80 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

81 The City Manager is directed to report to Council with an update on the
82 status of Resilient Austin: A Comprehensive Community Resilience Plan,
83 Resolution No. 20200507-022, no later than February 26, 2021.
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86 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2021

ATTEST: _____

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City Clerk