ORDINANCE NO.

2 AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT; AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 AUSTIN 3 POLICE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET (ORDINANCE NO. 4 20200812-001) TO TRANSFER OUT FUNDING AND POSITIONS FOR THE 5 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT; DECREASING THE 6 TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE APD DECOUPLE 7 FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR THE EMERGENCY 8 COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT; TRANSFERRING IN TO THE 9 **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS** DEPARTMENT THE SAME 10 POSITIONS AND FUNDING FROM THE APD DECOUPLE FUND; AND 11 MAKING OTHER TRANSFERS OF FUNDING AND POSITIONS TO 12 MOVE NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS, SUCH AS PUBLIC 13 COMMUNICATIONS, HUMAN RESOURCES, BUILDING SERVICES, 14 FINANCIAL SERVICES, AND ALARM PERMITTING, TO OTHER CITY 15 **DEPARTMENTS.** 16

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

PART 1. The Council creates the Emergency Communications Department, which 19 shall be under the control and direction of the City Manager as provided in Article 20 V, Section 3 of the Austin City Charter. The Emergency Communication 21 Department shall be engaged in the administration of criminal justice in support of 22 state, federal, and local laws and shall aid law enforcement in the detection, 23 suppression, and prosecution of crime; shall be organized and administered to enable 24 its personnel to meet and maintain licensing requirements as telecommunicators 25 under Texas Occupations Code Chapter 1701, and applicable rules of the Texas 26 Commission on Law Enforcement, as required for its operations; and shall be 27 organized and administered to meet the requirements of a first responder 28 organization under Texas Government Code Chapter 421. The responsibilities of 29 the Emergency Communications Department shall include: 30

• Reception of all 9-1-1 emergency calls for the City and disposition of such calls to either the appropriate City public safety operation or other disposition as determined by the nature of the call;

- Dispatch and monitoring of all field service calls to officers of the Austin Police Department (APD), including updating of APD records concerning such service calls and critical incident notification to management as appropriate;
- Liaison activities between APD and other law enforcement agencies including
 the Texas Crime Information Center, National Crime Information Center,
 Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, and National Law
 Enforcement Telecommunications System;

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- Reception and disposition of non-emergency (3-1-1) calls for assistance to the City that do not require immediate dispatch of APD officers, including reporting on such calls in APD record systems or other City record systems as determined by the nature of the call; and
- Providing specialized training and technical support to personnel within the Emergency Communications Department as needed to maintain required licenses, maintain clearance to access criminal justice databases, and support technological systems necessary for the operations of the Department.
- The Emergency Communications Department shall allocate substantially all of its annual budget to the criminal justice purposes identified in this ordinance, and shall establish such policies, management control agreements, and procedures as necessary to carry out its purposes and activities stated above.
- PART 2. Council amends the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 APD Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to transfer out 222.0 full-time equivalent positions and decrease funding in the APD Decouple Fund in the amount of \$16,085,640, which consists of the positions and funding to establish the Emergency Communications Department as set forth in PART 1 of this ordinance.
- PART 3. Council amends the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 APD Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to transfer out 62.5 full-time equivalent positions and decrease the APD Decouple Fund in the amount of \$17,020,863, which is the transfer of positions and funding for the APD Alarm Administration Unit to the Development Services Department, APD Human Resources to the City's general

64 65	Human Resources Department, APD Facility Maintenance to the City's Building Services Department, and APD Finance to the City's Financial Services Department	
66 67 68 69 70	APD Decouple Fund in the amount of \$23,632,770 to to to the Support Services Fund for the decoupled units as ordinance and adjust the budget in accordance with the	he APD to transfer funding set forth in PART 3 of this
71 72 73 74 75	(Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to increase funding in the Human Resources Department, \$548,540 to the Country Information Office, \$1,880,723 to the Building Service	he amount of \$2,357,848 to communications and Public
76 77 78 79	(Ordinance No. 20200812-001) to transfer in 6.0 full-times to increase funding from the General Fund in the a	me equivalent positions and
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82 83 84 85 86	\$	Steve Adler Mayor
87 88 89 90 91	APPROVED: ATTEST: O Anne L. Morgan City Attorney	Jannette S. Goodall City Clerk