

ORDINANCE NO. 20210930-161

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING OR REIMBURSING CERTAIN FEES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ESPERANZA COMMUNITY BY THE OTHER ONES FOUNDATION.

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

PART 1. FINDINGS:

- (A) The Other Ones Foundation (TOOF) serves a valuable service providing access to support services, work opportunities and other resources leading to housing for persons experiencing homelessness.
- (B) In August 2020 TOOF began coordinating services at the former Texas Department of Transportation site on US Highway 183 South in Austin where the state had been allowing persons experiencing homelessness to reside.
- (C) TOOF coordinated closely with the service provider community to provide proper support services to residents such as health care, food, case management, behavioral health care, and is providing hygiene and laundry facilities, a day center with mail and internet access and a community kitchen.
- (D) TOOF has begun the process of transforming the site into a housing solution-focused non-congregate shelter complex, replacing tents and improvised shelters with 200 individual non-congregate shelter units allowing residents to escape the elements and enjoy privacy and security and the residents of the complex have voted to name it Esperanza Community.
- (E) Waiving the water and wastewater fees would allow TOOF to begin temporarily relocating Esperanza Community residents so TOOF can begin bringing the shelter units onsite and in use, units that our community desperately needs to serve our neighbors experiencing homelessness.

PART 2. The City Manager is authorized to waive fees related to Austin water and wastewater services in the amount of \$115,200 associated with the construction of Esperanza Community, utility address 760 Bastrop Highway SB, Austin, Texas 78741, by The Other Ones Foundation, with the waiver to be in effect on the effective date of this ordinance.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on October 11, 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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Mayor

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