## ORDINANCE NO.

## AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4; ORDERING A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON JANUARY 25, 2022, TO ELECT A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICT 4; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**PART 1.** Council hereby declares a vacancy in the office of Council District 4.

**PART 2.** A special municipal election shall be held in the City of Austin on January 25, 2022. At the election there shall be elected by the qualified voters of District 4 one City Council Member to the unexpired term of District 4.

**PART 3.** A candidate's application for a place on the ballot for the District 4 special election must be filed no earlier than the time this ordinance ordering the election becomes effective and not later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 16, 2021.

**PART 4.** The election shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The location of the main early voting polling place, the dates and hours for early voting, and the early voting clerk's official mailing address are provided in Exhibit A, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance.

**PART 5.** A direct electronic recording voting system, as the term is defined in Title 8 of the Texas Election Code, shall be used for early voting and for voting conducted on election day. The central counting station is established at the Travis County Elections Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

**PART 6.** Notice of this election shall be posted and published in accordance with state law. The notice shall be posted, in both English and Spanish, in the office of the City Clerk and at the City Hall notice kiosk not later than the 21<sup>st</sup> day before election day. Notice of this election shall be published one time, in English and Spanish, not earlier than the 30th day before the date of the election or later than the 10th day before the date of the election, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Austin. In addition, this ordinance, together with the notice of the election, shall be posted on the City's website, in both Spanish and English, during the 21 days before the election.

**PART 7.** In accordance with Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, the January 25, 2022, special election may be held jointly with the various political subdivisions that share territory with the City of Austin and that are holding elections on that day. The City Clerk is authorized to enter into and sign election agreements with other political

 subdivisions for this purpose and their terms as stated in the agreements are hereby adopted.

**PART 8.** The Council finds that the need to immediately begin required preparations for this election constitutes an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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APPROVED: _	Anne L. Morgan City Attorney	ATTEST: _	Jannette Goodall City Clerk
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