ORDINANCE NO. 20211118-053

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING OR REIMBURSING CERTAIN DEVELOPMENT FEES FOR RELOCATION OF HEADQUARTERS FOR THE AUSTIN DISASTER RELIEF NEWORK TO 13801 BURNET ROAD SUITE 100 AND SUITE 200.

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

PART 1. FINDINGS:

(A) The Austin Disaster Relief Network (ADRN) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that is comprised of nearly 200 greater Austin churches and thousands of trained volunteers that serve as a critical city partner during disasters. The network enables and empowers church members and volunteers to organize, develop strategies with actionable plans, and respond quickly to areas that have been compromised by disasters.

(B) During the 2021 Winter Storm, ADRN:

(1) assisted nearly 7,000 individuals impacted by the storm in one or more of the following ways: emotional and spiritual care, emergency housing (hotel or shelter), clothing, goods, supplies, gift cards, muck-out of homes, debris removal, plumbing repair, home repair, laundry and shower facilities;

(2) gave away over $1.3 million in disaster aid (to date);

(3) helped facilitate 10 churches as warming shelters providing food, water, and a safe place to sleep, and 4 churches offered laundry and shower units for those without running water;

(4) mobilized thousands of volunteers deploying through 41 churches to clean over 890 homes impacted by the disaster;

(5) handled 4,485 calls through ADRN's Call Center, where volunteers offered comfort, guidance and assistance to Austinites; and

(6) dispatched nearly 600 emergency calls to rescue and transport hundreds of cold and wet survivors to warming shelters and deliver much needed food and water to the elderly, disabled and families through ADRN's 4-wheel drive volunteer team.

(C) ADRN will be relocating their headquarters to expand its undertaking of assisting Austin residents during crisis periods and ADRN's relocation costs include $13,307 in certain development fees.

(D) Waiving the development fees for plan review and required permits for the relocation of ADRN's headquarters would allow ADRN to invest additional resources in ensuring the headquarters will be operable during future catastrophic events and power outages to assist with City disaster relief efforts.

PART 2. The City Manager is authorized to waive or reimburse certain development fees in an amount not to exceed $13,307 associated with plan review and required permits for relocating ADRN's headquarters to 13801 Burnet Road Suite 100 and Suite 200 with the waiver to be in effect on the effective date of this ordinance.

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on November 29, 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED

November 18, 2021 §
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Steve Adler
Mayor

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Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk