

**ORDINANCE NO. 20220118-003**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20211104-062, RELATING TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 2-1 (CITY BOARDS) REGARDING HYBRID PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AND THEIR SUBCOMMITTEES AND QUORUM REQUIREMENTS TO CHANGE THE EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**PART 1. Findings.**

- (1) Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, City Council finds that moving up the effective date of Ordinance No. 20211104-062, which amended City Code Chapter 2-1 (*City Boards*) to allow for hybrid participation at meetings of boards and commissions and their subcommittees and remove the requirement that a quorum be physically present, better supports those individuals who volunteer to serve on those boards and commissions and allows greater public access to board and commission meetings while ensuring members of the public as well as board members can maintain social distancing when necessary for health and safety reasons.

**PART 2.** The effective date of Ordinance No. 20211104-062 is changed from February 28, 2022, to the same date as the effective date of this ordinance, except that Ordinance No. 20211104-062, as amended, does not apply to any board or commission meetings whose agendas have already been posted at the time of the effective date of this ordinance.

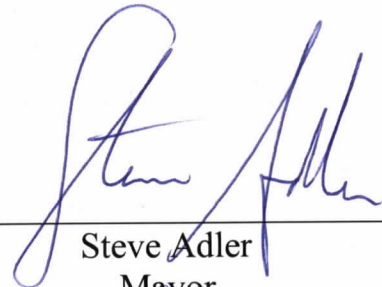
**PART 3.** The Council finds that the COVID- 19 pandemic and recent increase to Stage 5 of the COVID-19 risk-based guidelines constitutes an emergency. Because of this

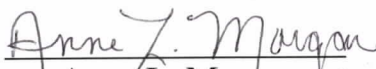

emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

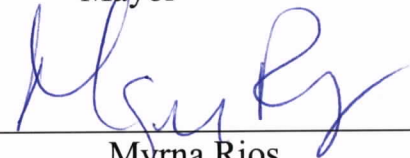
**PASSED AND APPROVED**

January 18, 2022

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Steve Adler  
Mayor

**APPROVED:**   
Anne L. Morgan *by*   
City Attorney

**ATTEST:**   
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Myrna Rios  
City Clerk