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**WHEREAS**, the Watershed Protection Department protects lives, property, and the environment of our community by reducing the impact of flood, erosion, and water pollution; and

**WHEREAS**, fire suppression foam and water are essential tools used by the Austin Fire Department to extinguish fires; and

**WHEREAS**, firefighting activities can result in a discharge to receiving waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, because it serves a critical need, firefighting runoff is exempt from water quality code; and

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25           **WHEREAS**, while the Austin Fire Department, the Watershed Protection  
26 Department, and the Austin Water Utility ordinarily communicate about events  
27 that result in firefighting runoff into waterways, such communication is not  
28 required and thus may not be consistent; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

29   **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

30           The City Manager shall create a requirement and process for timely Austin  
31 Fire Department notification to the Watershed Protection Department and, as  
32 relevant, to the Austin Water Utility, so these departments can take prompt action  
33 to mitigate any adverse impact from firefighting runoff to waterways to the  
34 maximum extent practicable. The City Manager shall complete this work and  
35 provide the City Council with a memorandum to this effect no later than March 31,  
36 2022.

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39   **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Myrna Rios  
City Clerk