

27 **WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 20201112-043 initiated a planning process for
28 a Colony Park District Plan, located near an Imagine Austin job center, as “a five
29 census tract area to serve as a guide for creating and maintaining great
30 neighborhoods, economic development, stable jobs, improved connectivity and
31 providing rich, high-quality public spaces”; and

32 **WHEREAS**, from time-to-time various resolutions have initiated planning
33 for specified geographic areas in the city under the TOD ordinance or as one-time
34 planning initiatives; and

35 **WHEREAS**, a district level planning process incorporated into the Land
36 Development Code, as described in the adopted May 2, 2019 policy direction, is
37 necessary for planning implementation of Imagine Austin Centers and corridors
38 susceptible to change and will:

- 39 1. Establish the process for implementing the vision of the city’s
40 Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and the May 2, 2019 policy
41 direction;
- 42 2. Enhance the ability of City departments and utilities to plan for
43 service upgrades and capacity expansion needed to respond to growth
44 by providing more detailed information about anticipated growth; and
- 45 3. Establish provisions in the Land Development Code to integrate and
46 update existing plans, create new plans in areas that historically have
47 not participated in community-based planning, and create a hierarchy
48 to prioritize geographic areas for planning that aligns with the Imagine
49 Austin Plan. These provisions will enable better coordination
50 between new and existing plans and provide a process to plan for new
51 construction and the impacts on the existing built environment; and

52 **WHEREAS**, the City’s Land Development Code does not provide any
53 criteria, standards, and/or guidelines for district level planning to implement the
54 Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and Growth Concept Plan except for areas
55 that may also be identified as Transit Oriented Developments (TODs) and/or along
56 transit corridors under City Code Section 25-2-147; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

58 The City Council initiates amendments to City Code Title 25 (*Land*
59 *Development Code*) that will create a district level planning process as set forth by
60 the Imagine Austin Plan to better define how Austin should accommodate new
61 residents, jobs, mixed-use developments, open space, and transportation
62 infrastructure. These amendments should accomplish the following:

- 63 1. Require that each plan should identify specific objectives related to
64 achieving the goals of the Austin Strategic Mobility Plan (ASMP),
65 Austin Strategic Housing Blueprint, and other Council policy
66 priorities;
- 67 2. Establish district level planning in the Land Development Code,
68 using parameters established in the May 2, 2019 Council policy
69 document as a guide to the extent these are applicable;
- 70 3. Establish that district level planning does not supersede planning
71 occurring under the Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Ordinance
72 No. 20050519-008 (as codified in LDC, Chapter 25-2, Subchapter C,
73 Article 3, Division 10 and Appendix D) and other planning initiatives
74 established by Council resolutions such as the Colony Park District
75 Plan, Palm District, and the Burnet/Gateway Plan; and
- 76 4. Create a process for prioritizing planning for Imagine Austin Centers
77 identified in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and Growth

78 Concept Map and other areas experiencing growth and include the
79 Del Valle area as a prioritized area for planning;

- 80 5. Establish community engagement as a component of each planning
81 process to include communities, businesses, and residents impacted
82 by growth in the areas identified for planning; and
- 83 6. Establish equity and anti-displacement strategies as fundamental
84 components of all planning processes; and

85 The City Council directs the City Manager to return with an ordinance for
86 adoption at a Council meeting by November 3, 2022.

87 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

88 The City Council also directs the City Manager to accomplish the following:

- 89 1. Guidelines for prioritizing planning areas throughout the city to
90 include the Del Valle area, and with an emphasis on Project Connect
91 commuter, light rail, and MetroRapid corridors in coordination with
92 eTOD planning processes, to proactively address growth so that
93 opportunities to plan for affordable housing, parks, transportation,
94 and transit are not lost due to planning that occurs after areas are fully
95 developed; and
- 96 2. Identify any other aspects or best practices for district level planning
97 to include in the Land Development Code amendment and/or as
98 necessary to establish an effective process for planning Imagine
99 Austin Activity Centers and corridors susceptible to change.

100 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

101 The City Council also directs the City Manager to:

- 102 1. specify timeline, steps, and resources needed to implement district
- 103 level planning in the Land Development Code;
- 104 2. designate a City department to implement district level planning;
- 105 3. determine the appropriate department(s), including departments with
- 106 transportation and housing responsibilities, to manage and/or
- 107 coordinate the planning tasks; and
- 108 4. identify and include appropriate resources in the 2022-2023 City
- 109 Budget to initiate the district level planning process.

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112 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____

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114 City Clerk