

**ORDINANCE NO. 20220616-045**

**AN ORDINANCE PROCLAIMING AUGUST 8, 2022, AS SAVE OUR SPRINGS DAY; DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO ORGANIZE A SWIM PARTY AT BARTON SPRINGS POOL ON AUGUST 8, 2022, CULMINATING IN AN OFFICIAL 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION PARTY TO BE HELD BETWEEN 6:00 P.M. AND 8:00 P.M; AND WAIVING CERTAIN ENTRY FEES FOR BARTON SPRINGS POOL ON AUGUST 8, 2022.**

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

**PART 1.** Council finds that:

- (A) The City of Austin, Texas is recognized around the world for its natural environmental beauty, creativity, and civic engagement.
- (B) In our City's environmental history there is a day that stands out like no other day.
- (C) That day has had a profound influence on our City's character, development, and continuing dedication to protect the local natural environment and resources.
- (D) On that day, August 8, 1992, 64 percent of Austin voters cast their ballots in favor of the Save Our Springs, or "SOS", ordinance.
- (E) As provided by the City Charter, the Save Our Springs ordinance was drafted and petitioned onto the ballot as a citizen-initiated ordinance by the Save Our Springs Coalition.
- (F) Local citizen leaders from the Austin Sierra Club, Citizen Action, Clean Water Action, the Hill Country Foundation, the Save Barton Creek Association, the Travis Audubon Society, and We Care Austin formed and served on the Save Our Springs Coalition Steering Committee.
- (G) The campaign to pass the Save Our Springs ordinance was supported by thousands of volunteers and contributors; by Austin Hispanic leaders organized as "Making Austin Stronger" (MAS); and by more than 200 Austin business leaders and professionals organized as "Austin Business Leaders for the Environment" (ABLE).
- (H) The Save Our Springs campaign and overwhelming approval by Austin voters established the principle that protecting Barton Springs and the

natural heritage of Austin is important to sustaining a healthy and prosperous economy.

- (I) The Save Our Springs ordinance was upheld by the Texas Supreme Court as a valid municipal ordinance and continues in effect today.
- (J) The City Council and community have worked together to achieve the goals of the Save Our Springs ordinance by, among other efforts, protecting more than 48,090 acres of Water Quality Protection Land by purchase of land and conservation easements and by directing urban development to “desired development” areas of our City.
- (K) While much progress has been made to protect Barton Springs and the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer, celebration, education, and work must continue to ensure that Barton Springs and the Aquifer are protected into the future.
- (L) The City of Austin loves to recognize and celebrate what is special and good.

**PART 2.** Council enacts the following:

- (A) In recognition of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of SOS, the City Council hereby proclaims and celebrates Monday, August 8, 2022, as Save Our Springs Day.
- (B) The City Council directs the City Manager to organize a swim party at Barton Springs Pool on August 8, 2022, culminating in an official 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recognition Party to be held between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., to invite media, and to include music, oration, and an anniversary cake.
- (C) The City Council waives certain entry fees for Barton Springs Pool to support Save Our Springs (SOS) Day on August 8, 2022 as follows:

**Estimated Fees Waived or Reimbursed (Parks and Recreation Department):**

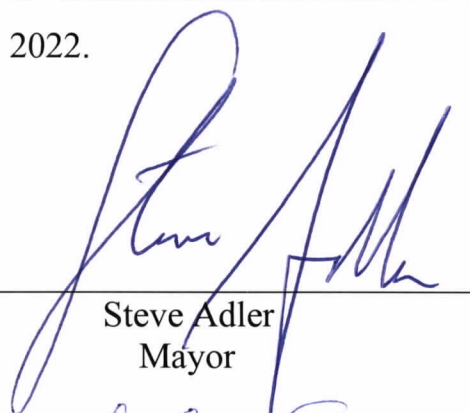
\$ 5,000.00	<u>Barton Springs Pool Entry Fees</u>
\$ <b>5,000.00</b>	Total Fees Waived

**PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on June 27, 2022.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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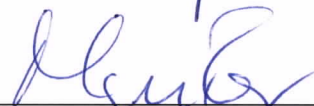
  
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Steve Adler  
Mayor

**APPROVED:**



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Anne L. Morgan  
City Attorney

**ATTEST:**



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Myrna Rios  
City Clerk