

ORDINANCE NO. 20220616-093

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING A DOWNTOWN PARKING SPACE FOR THE PURPOSES OF MOBILE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION TESTING AND THE DELIVERY OF SEXUAL HEALTHCARE SERVICES; AND WAIVING CERTAIN FEES.

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

PART 1. FINDINGS.

- (A) The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone between 13 and 64 years of age get tested for Human Immunodeficiency Viruses (HIV) at least once as part of routine health care and that people at higher risk for HIV get tested more often.
- (B) In 2019, 36,801 people received a HIV diagnosis in the United States (U.S.) and territories.
- (C) One of the biggest consequences of leaving HIV/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) untreated is the rate at which the disease progresses from HIV to AIDS, and leaving the virus untreated allows it to do more damage at a faster rate.
- (D) In the City of Austin 1% of all individuals tested, test positive.
- (E) One positive person can indirectly affect as many as 150 people.
- (F) For every HIV infection that is prevented, an estimated \$360,000 is saved in the cost of providing lifetime HIV treatment, resulting in significant cost-savings for the health care system.
- (G) Local providers are currently targeting testing and sexual healthcare to populations identified in Austin Public Health's Ending the HIV Epidemic grant, which has a goal of reaching those most at risk of HIV and with fewer access to resources, such as Black and Latinx LGBTQIA+ communities.
- (H) Low-barrier testing and mobile outreach in areas with populations with barriers to healthcare access is critical.

- (I) Austin Public Health collaborates with other community organizations in a consortium called Austin HIV Outreach, which holds monthly meetings to ensure coordination and collaboration.
- (J) Allocating a parking space in the 4th Street area, an area of the City with a high concentration of LGBTQIA+ businesses and high rates of foot traffic, coupled with waiving the fees associated with this use, is one step our community can take in ensuring equitable access to testing services and sexual healthcare.
- (K) It is the consensus of Austin HIV Outreach that testing and outreach services in the downtown area would provide critical and unduplicated services and ideally the space would be rotated equally and regularly between participating organizations.

PART 2. The City Manager is directed to allocate a parking spot in the downtown area with appropriate signage for the purposes of sexually transmitted infection testing and sexual healthcare outreach.

PART 3. The City Manager should consider the 201 W. 4th Street corner with Colorado St. as the location of the parking spot, and a schedule of Wednesday through Saturday from 7:00 PM – 2:00 AM and should expand that schedule if necessary.

PART 4. The City Manager is directed to craft a schedule for the regular rotation of participating providers.

PART 5. Council waives the following fees:

Fees Waived (Austin Transportation Department):

\$41,600	Permit Fee
\$15,808	Inspection Fee
\$2,387	Technology Improvement Surcharge Fee
\$2,000	Deposit Fee (Refundable)
\$250	Application Fee
\$62,045	Total Fees Waived

PART 6. This ordinance takes effect on June 27, 2022.

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