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Assessment of the Benefits and Cost Savings of the U.S. Publicly Funded Family Planning Program,” published in Milbank Quarterly; and

WHEREAS, vasectomies are one of the most successful effective and cost efficient forms of birth control; and

WHEREAS, vasectomies are 95 percent reversible; and

WHEREAS, community and patient education, as well as financial resources, could increase access to vasectomies for those who do not want a child, as cited in the article titled “Barriers to Offering Vasectomy at Publicly Funded Family Planning Organizations in Texas,” published in the 2017 American Journal of Men’s Health; and

WHEREAS, communities in Texas have begun to pilot broad family planning and birth control assistance, including the City of Laredo, which made a low-cost vasectomy program permanent after its early successes; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Reproductive Health lists positive public awareness campaigns on sexual and reproductive health in its proactive policy agenda, on the section of its website titled Policy Agenda for Cities; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City establishes equitable access to contraception as essential to family planning, reproductive freedom, and public health.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to explore the City’s ability to conduct a public education program on long-term birth control, including but not limited to vasectomies, which should include community health partners.

50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

51 The City Manager should report back to Council with a plan for executing
52 this public education program no later than September 30, 2022.

53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

54 The City Manager is directed to ensure that health insurance offered to City
55 employees and their spouses cover low-cost birth control, including but not limited
56 to vasectomies.

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59 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____
60 Myrna Rios
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