

Budget Resolution / Rider: ALTER #2 OCMO Billing

WHEREAS, the Office of the Chief Medical Officer (OCMO) was created during the FY21 budget cycle, and the Paramedic Practitioner Program is housed within the OCMO; and

WHEREAS, the FY23 budget includes fees for the services provided through the Paramedic Practitioner Program, however the associated billing structure and health records system is not yet in place;

WHEREAS, implementing the billing infrastructure and health records system will enable the OCMO to bring in revenue that will help sustain and expand the program and help Austinites avoid unnecessary and costly trips to the emergency room; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

The City Manager is directed to take timely and necessary steps to begin billing for appropriate OCMO and Paramedic Practitioner services. The City Manager is further directed to update Council on the status of the billing infrastructure and health records system by December 2022.

Should additional funding be required for implementation, the City Manager is directed to bring forward a mid-year budget amendment no later than December 2022.