

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2-1 OF THE CITY CODE TO
CREATE THE AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION.**

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

PART 1. FINDINGS:

1. Public health is one of the basic elements of our society.
2. The public health system addresses multiple factors that affect health.
3. It is important to have policy, plans, programs, and operations ready to address public health crises at a national, state, and local level.
4. Eliminating health disparities is essential to strengthening the nation and City's health and economic prosperity.
5. The City of Austin and Travis County Commissioners Court recognize there is a need to advise city and county governments on public health and human service needs and approaches for improvement.

PART 2. City Code Chapter 2-1 (City Boards) is amended to add a new section 2-1-174 to read:

§ 2-1-174 AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

- (A) The Austin/Travis County Public Health Commission shall include a balanced and diverse membership that represents a broad range of health and human services interests and lived experiences, with members jointly appointed by the City Council and the Travis County Commissioners Court.
- (B) The Commission shall serve as an advisory body to the City Council and Travis County Commissioners Court concerning public health programs, projects, services, public health and human services needs, and approaches for improvement.

