



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #: 22-3215, Agenda Item #: 73.**

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance creating the Austin/Travis County Public Health Commission to serve as an advisory board to City Council concerning public health programs, projects, and services within Austin and Travis County.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Public Health.

### **Fiscal Note**

This item has no fiscal impact.

### **Prior Council Action:**

September 30, 2021 - Council approved Resolution 20210930-108, directing the City Manager to collaborate with Travis County and create a joint Austin/Travis County Public Health Commission, on a 10-1 vote.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

Approval of the ordinance will authorize the creation of a joint Public Health Commission, with the application process to open in mid-October 2022, and a start date of January 2023. The Commission will be responsible for the following:

1. Explore the best/evidence-based public health practices for areas that need improvement and provide recommendations
2. Provide an annual formal recommendation on the improvement of the overall public health programs, projects, regulations, and services within the governing entities in the city and the county
3. Work to inform strategies that address health disparities that impact health outcomes for underserved populations
4. Gather input from the community on budget and programming recommendations to share with policymakers and health agencies annually
5. Report periodically to the Public Health Committee of the Austin City Council and the Travis County Commissioners Court (or the appropriate committee thereof).

### **Strategic Outcome(s):**

Health and Environment.