



## Recommendation for Action

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**File #: 22-3555, Agenda Item #: 3.**

12/1/2022

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### **Posting Language**

Approve an ordinance amending Exhibit A to Ordinance No 20220817-005 (City of Austin Fee and Fine Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022-23) to increase certain fees for the Convention Center garages near the Convention Center.

### **Lead Department**

Austin Convention Center Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is attached.

### **Prior Council Action:**

August 17, 2022 - City Council approved Ordinance No. 20220817-005, that authorized fees, fines, and other charges to be set or charged by the City for Fiscal Year 2022-23 beginning on October 1, 2022 and ending on September 30, 2023.

September 15, 2022 - Council approved Resolution No. 20220915-055, directing the City Manager to engage the City's parking enterprise and Convention Center staff to evaluate existing parking rates throughout downtown Austin and in garages adjacent to these and return to City Council with an alternative parking garage rate increase proposal and accompanying budget amendment.

### **For More Information:**

Trish Tatro, Director, Austin Convention Center, 512-404-4218.

### **Additional Backup Information:**

Pursuant to Resolution No. 20220915-055, related to the Austin Convention Center Department's (ACCD) parking garage rates, this request for council action is to bring forth a budget amendment to increase the parking garage rates at two of the Convention Center garages- the north parking garage at Fifth Street and Red River (601 East Fifth Street) and the main parking garage at Second Street and Brazos (201 East Second Street). The garage rates will go into effect January 1, 2023. The new rate structure will increase ACCD's rates, specifically for all-day stays, while creating greater alignment with other local market garages. The new rate structure is included in the table below and has been previously provided to City Council during deliberations of Resolution No. 20220915-055.

FY23		
Fee Name - 5th/2nd	Approved Amount	Alternative Proposal *
<i>Daily Variable Rate</i>		
<b>0 -30 minutes</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>30 minutes - 1 hour</b>	\$5.00	\$5.00
<b>1 hour to 2 hours</b>	\$5.00	\$10.00
<b>2 - 6 hours</b>	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>6 - 9 hours</b>	\$10.00	\$15.00
<b>9 - 10 hours</b>	\$15.00	\$15.00
<b>10 - 12 hours</b>	\$15.00	\$20.00
<b>12 + hours</b>	\$3.00/hr max \$48	\$3.00/hr max \$48
Rates are valid 24/7 apart from Variable special Event Parking Rates		

*\*Rates to start January 2023*

Staff believes this increase achieves the directives provided by Resolution No. 20220915-055, while minimizing the impact to the Convention Center's event attendees. Convention Center staff will report back to Council on a quarterly basis as to the impact of this fee increase on the garage revenues pursuant to Resolution No. 20220915-055. Concurrently with this rate increase, staff will undertake a rate study as directed by Resolution No. 20220915-055. Staff will return with the rate study results along with any suggested rate adjustments at a future Council meeting date.

**Strategic Outcome(s):**

Economic Opportunity and Affordability.