

**WHEREAS**, the City has been subject to repeated weather related emergencies, including Winter Storm Uri in February of 2021 and Winter Storm Mara in February of 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, documented impacts of climate change indicate the City and its residents will be subject to a prolonged pattern of extreme weather events, which could threaten the regional supply of electric power; and

**WHEREAS**, the Winter Storm Uri After Action Report, issued in October of 2021, identified the availability, reliability, and maintenance of back up electrical power at AFD and EMS stations as a public safety priority; and

**WHEREAS**, during Winter Storm Mara in February 2023, multiple AFD and EMS stations lost power; and

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26           **WHEREAS**, due to age or pending maintenance, some AFD and EMS  
27 stations with access to emergency back-up power during Winter Storm Mara were  
28 forced to operate at a limited capacity, depriving some on-duty first responders  
29 access to warm water, kitchen facilities, battery charging, and other essential  
30 aspects of living on site; and

31           **WHEREAS**, full access to electric power is a critical feature in the  
32 operation of AFD and EMS stations, which are expected to deliver a full range of  
33 vital public safety and medical services to the community, 24 hours a day, seven  
34 days a week; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

36           The City Manager is directed to perform an inventory of generators and  
37 detailed assessment of emergency backup power at all AFD and EMS Stations, and  
38 determine whether that power is available, reliable, and able to provide adequate  
39 power for all essential circuits.

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

41           At a minimum, the assessment shall detail whether essential circuits are able  
42 to supply HVAC (both heating and cooling), water heater, garage doors, interior  
43 and exterior lighting, essential power outlets, battery chargers, and  
44 computer/communication equipment.

45 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

46           By no later than July 1, 2023, the City Manager shall complete and deliver a  
47 report to Council on the findings of this assessment and provide a list of what is  
48 needed to ensure all essential circuits have adequate and reliable backup  
49 emergency power and the projected cost to accomplish this, itemized by station.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The City Manager is directed to utilize findings from the assessment in the ongoing effort to update the capabilities of AFD and EMS facilities.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2023    **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Myrna Rios  
City Clerk