

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

2 **WHEREAS**, City Council has passed multiple resolutions to address public
3 safety on Sixth Street; and

4 **WHEREAS**, the Safer Sixth Street Resolutions (Resolution Nos. 20210729-
5 175 and 20220303-061) directed a series of actions aimed at supporting law
6 enforcement officers in increasing safety in this district; and

7 **WHEREAS**, staff reported in their May 18, 2022 memo, an analysis of
8 High Activity Location Observation (HALO) cameras in response to Resolution
9 No. 20220303-061 and have identified a need for 13 additional cameras for a total
10 of 60 throughout the Sixth Street area; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Council adopted Resolution No. 20220609-067 approving the
12 purchase of 13 new HALO cameras within the downtown entertainment district;
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14 **WHEREAS**, bars and nighttime music venues currently dominate the uses
15 in the Rainey Street Historic District; and

16 **WHEREAS**, especially on weekend evenings, Rainey Street generates large
17 crowds and much activity; and

18 **WHEREAS**, the 2022 State of Downtown Report from the Downtown
19 Austin Alliance assessed the four main entertainment districts, the Rainey Street
20 District, East Sixth Street District, West Sixth Street District, and the Red River
21 Cultural District; and

22 **WHEREAS**, the report noted that at the end of 2021, the Rainey Street
23 District had the second highest visits by district and taxable alcohol receipts;

24 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

26 The City Manager is directed to provide an interim pedestrian safety plan for
27 the Rainey Street Historic District and provide a report to Council regarding the
28 status of this directive by April 20, 2023. The plan should explore the capacity for
29 Park Rangers to patrol and have EMS stationed at the Rainey Street Trailhead,
30 along with detailing hours and days when those personnel would be deployed.

31 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

32 The City Manager shall provide recommendations related to the possibility
33 of installing more HALO cameras throughout the Rainey Street Historic District
34 area and provide a report to Council regarding the status of this directive by June
35 13, 2023, and shall include in the recommendations the feasibility and costs of
36 relocating HALO cameras and acquiring new HALO cameras.

37 If recommended, the City Manager shall provide estimated costs and
38 possible funding sources including, but not limited to, grant funding, the “Tourism
39 and Promotion Fund,” and Austin Police Department asset forfeiture funds.

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

41 The City Manager is directed to coordinate with the Texas Alcohol and
42 Beverage Commission on additional strategies for curbing overserving alcohol.

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44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

45 The City Manager is directed to work with Rainey Street bar owners and
46 stakeholders to encourage written safety plans, training for door staff, peer-to-peer
47 communication, and codes of conduct that outline expected standards of behavior
48 for staff and patrons, which includes a plan to prioritize the prevention of
49 overserving alcohol.

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51 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____

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City Clerk

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