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25 the resources available to assist residents in complying with this requirement;  
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27 **WHEREAS**, the City intends to collaborate with relevant stakeholders to  
28 implement an effective and efficient system for microchipping pets, ensuring  
29 accessibility, affordability, and compliance; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

31 The City Council directs the City Manager to initiate a code amendment  
32 which requires microchipping for all pet animals within the boundaries of the  
33 City of Austin with a non-criminal enforcement mechanism which prioritizes  
34 compliance through education and services; and

35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

36 The City Council directs the City Manager to ensure that all Animal  
37 Protection Officers and vehicles, all Austin Police Stations, all Austin Fire  
38 Stations, all Austin Recreation Centers, and all Austin Public Libraries are  
39 outfitted with microchip scanners; and

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

41 The City Council directs the City Manager to train an appropriate number  
42 of employees at all microchip locations to scan microchips as needed for the  
43 public; and

44 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

45 The City Council directs the City Manager to develop and implement a  
46 public education program which educates citizens on the microchip requirement,  
47 its enforcement mechanisms, and the availability of free microchip services  
48 throughout the City; and

49 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

50 The City Council directs the City Manager to coordinate with the Animal  
51 Services Office to inspect Austin Animal Center policies, processes, and general  
52 staff practices, and to eliminate all such processes, policies, and general staff  
53 practices which would limit the application of the mandatory microchipping  
54 program or any other standard no-kill sheltering support practice which complies  
55 with national sheltering and no-kill standards in line with the goals of the City;  
56 and

57 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

58 The City Council directs the City Manager to coordinate with the Animal  
59 Services Office to inspect the administrative policies, processes, and  
60 administrative staff practices, and to eliminate all such policies, processes, and  
61 administrative staff practices which limit administrative staff from complying  
62 with the mandatory microchipping program and any other standard no-kill  
63 administrative practice which complies with national sheltering and no-kill  
64 standards in line with the goals of the City; and

65 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

66 The City Council directs the City Manager to coordinate with the Animal  
67 Services Office to inspect the veterinary policies, processes, and veterinary staff  
68 practices, and to eliminate all such policies, processes, and veterinary staff  
69 practices which limit veterinarians from complying with the mandatory  
70 microchipping program and any other standard no-kill veterinary practice which  
71 complies with national veterinary and no-kill standards in line with the goals of  
72 the City; and

75 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

76 The City Council directs the City Manager to coordinate with the Animal  
77 Services Office to inspect the volunteer/foster staff policies, processes, and  
78 volunteer/foster staff practices, and to eliminate all such policies, processes, and  
79 volunteer/foster staff practices which limit volunteer/foster staff from complying  
80 with the mandatory microchipping program and any other standard no-kill  
81 volunteer/foster staff practice which complies with national volunteer/foster and  
82 no-kill standards in line with the goals of the City; and

83 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

84 The City Council directs the City Manager to return to the City Council with  
85 an update at Work Session by November 28, 2023. The update should contain the  
86 following: a draft ordinance for Council consideration; a status report on the  
87 implementation of microchipping services; and a summary of planned and  
88 completed process and policy evaluations with any related proposed changes.

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90 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

91 Myrna Rios  
92 City Clerk  
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