

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, the City's Planning Department is responsible for facilitating zoning and rezoning applications on a prescribed timeline established in regulated by City Code Title 25 (*Land Development*); and

**WHEREAS**, the zoning review process includes conducting public hearings as a means for gathering feedback from the community, ensuring transparency and accountability in zoning and rezoning process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Department is currently experiencing a record high volume of zoning applications accompanied by a high vacancy rate of staff, which has resulted in a decreased capacity to effectively meet the deadlines set out in the Land Development Code; and

**WHEREAS**, authorizing amendments to the Land Development Code will promote adequate time for the review process, decrease the staffing vacancy rate, and ensure that all interested parties can meet expectations; **NOW,**

**THEREFORE,**

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

City Council initiates amendments to Title 25 (*Land Development*) to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to establish days when zoning and rezoning applications will be accepted by the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

City Council initiates amendments to Title 25 (*Land Development*) that will create a six month pilot program that extends certain deadlines related zoning and rezoning applications as follows:

1. The deadline for a Land Use Commission to hold a public hearing after an application is filed would be 120 days.
2. The deadline for City Council to hold a public hearing after the Land Use Commission makes a recommendation would be 80 days.
3. An application expires 362 days after it is filed if a public hearing before a Land Use Commission has not been scheduled.
4. An application expires 362 days after it is filed if the Land Use Commission or City Council grants an indefinite postponement.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

City Council authorizes the City Manager to schedule these amendments for public hearing at Planning Commission without obtaining recommendations from other boards, commissions, and committees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

City Council authorizes the City Manager to process Code amendments necessary to accomplish purposes set forth in this resolution and bring an ordinance for City Council consideration.

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