

WHEREAS, the City is committed to ensuring the highest standards of public safety by equipping the Austin Fire Department (AFD) with modern and effective firefighting equipment; and

WHEREAS, aerial fire trucks play a vital role in effective fire scene management during incidents in high-rise buildings, complex structures, and large-scale emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that staffing levels are essential for the proper and efficient fulfillment of aerial fire trucks during fire emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the City has assessed the budgetary constraints and identified the need for targeted funding allocation to enhance staffing levels for future aerial fire trucks; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to proactively address the potential risks posed by fire incidents and prioritize the safety of its residents and first responders; and

WHEREAS, additionally, establishing adequate staffing for aerial fire trucks will net cost savings in overtime pay; and **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to prioritize funding allocation within the Austin Fire Department for the purpose of staffing future aerial fire trucks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall collaborate with Austin Fire Department officials and relevant stakeholders to conduct a comprehensive assessment of staffing requirements for aerial fire trucks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall provide the Council with a review and any potential budget funding allocation in the form of a memorandum to ensure transparency and accountability of spending.

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

Myrna Rios
City Clerk