

1 **RESOLUTION NO.**

2 **WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the paramount importance of transparency,
3 accountability, and public trust in the operations and efficacy of the Austin Police
4 Department (APD); and

5 **WHEREAS**, the City is a leader in the adoption of open data policies and
6 tools; and

7 **WHEREAS**, open data can empower the general public with accurate, up-
8 to-date, and easily accessible information regarding police activities, enhancing
9 community engagement, and fostering better relationships between law
10 enforcement and the community they serve; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the availability of timely, reliable, well-documented data will
12 provide APD with an agile data platform to measure and evaluate the effectiveness
13 of policies, training, and community outreach initiatives, ultimately leading to
14 more efficient law enforcement practices and improved public safety outcomes;
15 and

16 **WHEREAS**, the implementation of a consistent open policing data policy
17 aligns with the City’s commitment to evidence-based practices and data-driven
18 decision-making across all government agencies; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City seeks the valuable input of academics, independent
20 data analysts, local community organizations, civil rights advocates, and law
21 enforcement policy experts in creating new analytical products, ensuring that it
22 addresses the specific needs and concerns of the community; and

23 **WHEREAS**, the implementation of more comprehensive data releases will
24 support City Council and other local decision-makers in making informed and
25 evidence-based policy choices, promoting greater efficiency, effectiveness, and
26 accountability in addressing public safety challenges; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the City is committed to allocating the necessary resources and
28 support to ensure the successful integration and ongoing maintenance of the new
29 open data release requirements, further demonstrating the City’s dedication to
30 openness, accountability, and continuous improvement in law enforcement
31 practices; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

33 The City Manager is directed to develop and implement an enhanced data
34 release (“The APD Open Policing Data Release”) for the Austin Police
35 Department. This data release will provide the public essential data in the format
36 and containing all information described in this Resolution, will protect the privacy
37 of those interacting with law enforcement and will be published once monthly on
38 an ongoing basis until such time as City Council approves the cancelation or
39 conversion of the data publishing system.

40 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

41 The proposed data shall be released in a common open format, such as CSV,
42 JSON, Shapefiles, or GeoJSON, through the City’s existing Open Data Portal.

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

44 The initial data release will include the previous thirty-six (36) months of
45 requested data with new data being added monthly.

46 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

47 There will be a clear, publicly documented version control system that
48 captures versions of monthly data to provide transparency about previously
49 released data sets.

50 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

51 The Austin Police Department will release data dictionaries for each of the
52 databases utilized in producing this data release.

53 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

54 The data release shall include indicators capturing the demand for police
55 services, including all data points and formats below:

- 56 1. Calls for Service, including the following attributes:
- 57 a. Call unique identifier,
 - 58 b. Call type (e.g. resident or self-initiated by an officer),
 - 59 c. Call date and time,
 - 60 d. Sector or jurisdiction,
 - 61 e. Priority level,
 - 62 f. Initial and final call problem description and code,
 - 63 g. Incident Category (e.g. violent crime, property crime, medical,
64 traffic, etc.),

- 65 h. Any incident sub-categories (e.g. crime description, warrant,
66 burglar alarm, etc.),
- 67 i. Arrival of first unit date time stamp,
- 68 j. Call closure date time stamp,
- 69 k. Police report filed (yes or no),
- 70 l. Number of officers responding to the call,
- 71 m. Total time spent responding to the call including all responding
72 officers,
- 73 n. Block number of the call for service, and
- 74 o. Additional data that assists the public's understanding of
75 demand for police services, as long as the additional data and/or
76 reporting methods do not replace any of the requirements listed
77 above.

78 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

79 The data release shall include an additional set of aggregate data designed to
80 capture the need for mental health services as recognized by call takers and police
81 responders, including the following information about any incident has been
82 flagged as mental health related at any point in the call regardless of other
83 categorization:

- 84 1. Calls for Service, including:
- 85 a. Call unique identifier,

- 86 b. Call date and time stamp,
- 87 c. Call type (e.g. resident or self-initiated by an officer),
- 88 d. Priority level,
- 89 e. Sector and/or jurisdiction,
- 90 f. Initial call problem description,
- 91 g. Final problem description,
- 92 h. Incident Category (e.g. violent crime, property crime, medical,
- 93 traffic, etc.),
- 94 i. Any incident sub-categories (e.g. crime description, warrant,
- 95 burglar alarm, etc.),
- 96 j. Date time stamp first unit arrival and separately time stamp call
- 97 closed,
- 98 k. Disposition and whether police report filed,
- 99 l. Number of officers responding to the call,
- 100 m. Total time spent responding to the call including all responding
- 101 officers, and
- 102 n. Block number of the call for service.

103 2. A list of mental health first response calls resulting in serious bodily

104 injury or death to:

- 105 a. A person with mental illness,

- 106 b. A responding officer(s),
- 107 c. Other responding City staff,
- 108 d. Bystanders, and
- 109 e. Block number of the call for service.

110 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

111 The data release should include data designed to evaluate the supply and
112 accessibility of existing police services, including all data points and formats listed
113 below:

- 114 1. Personnel by Category of Assignment (e.g. patrol, patrol supervisor,
115 academy, administration, 911 call center, airport, etc.)
 - 116 a. Count of personnel, and
 - 117 b. Category of personnel.
- 118 2. Hours Worked by Activity Category By Individual Officer
 - 119 a. Count of total hours worked for month,
 - 120 b. Count of total hours worked in each sector for month,
 - 121 c. Activity category for hours worked (patrol, special events,
122 traffic/construction, etc.), and
 - 123 d. The information above will be provided without any
124 identifiable information linked to a specific individual.
- 125 3. Overtime Hours Worked by Activity Category By Individual Officer

- 126 a. Overtime hours worked by rate paid (e.g. x1.5, x2, etc.) for
127 month,
- 128 b. Overtime hours worked by sector for month and by rate paid,
- 129 c. Overtime hours worked that was mandatory and discretionary,
- 130 d. Overtime hours worked by shift,
- 131 e. Activity Category (patrol, special events, traffic/construction,
132 etc.), and
- 133 f. The information above will be provided without any
134 identifiable information linked to a specific individual.

135 4. Overtime Expenditures by Activity Category (patrol, special events,
136 traffic/construction, etc.)

- 137 a. Total officers collecting overtime by month by Activity
138 Category,
- 139 b. Total overtime expenditures by sector by month by Activity
140 Category, and
- 141 c. Average overtime earnings by personnel available by month by
142 Activity Category.

143 5. Retirements and Separations

- 144 a. Count of retirements by month,
- 145 b. Count of voluntary separations by month, and

146 c. Count of indefinite suspensions by month.

147 6. Cadets in Training

148 a. Count of cadets in training by month,

149 b. Count of cadet separations and cause of separation by month,

150 c. Count of cadets by class by month, and

151 d. Cumulative attrition rate by class for current month.

152 7. All additional data and/or reporting methods which would assist the
153 public's understanding of supply of police services.

154 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

155 In order to provide for increased transparency in APD's response, the data
156 release shall include outcomes of police actions in the community, including all
157 data points and formats listed below:

158 1. Warrant Service Arrests, Other Arrests, Citations, Tickets and
159 Warnings by Lead Charge

160 a. Block number of the enforcement actions, and

161 b. Demographic Data of the enforcement action.

162 2. Searches by Type (probable cause, incident to arrest, consent, etc.)
163 with Demographic Data

164 a. Block number of the search.

165 3. Response Time by Priority

166 a. Response time by Call Priority with sector, day-of-week, and
167 time-of-day cross-tabs for current month.

168 4. Use of Force with Demographic Data,

169 a. All current data in response to resistance dataset,

170 b. If an injury or death resulted from the use of force, and

171 c. Block number of the use of force event.

172 5. Total Number of Complaints and Commendations filed with either
173 APD or OPO for Each of the Following Data Sets

174 a. Status (e.g. sustained, unfounded, under investigation), and

175 b. Sector.

176 6. Supplemental data to assist the public's understanding of outcomes of
177 police services.

178 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

179 The responsibility for preparing the data release shall be assigned in its
180 entirety to non-sworn personnel and shall be published without editing or
181 censorship by any team or individuals within the sworn APD chain of command,
182 and the preparers shall have direct access to all relevant data.

183 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

184 The data release shall be completed to the absolute maximum extent
185 permitted by state and federal law.

186 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

187 The City Manager shall develop a policy and identify resources to ensure
188 that the data release preparers have any certifications, training, licenses, and
189 permissions necessary for non-sworn personnel to access police data.

190 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

191 The City Manager shall perform an annual policing survey or include
192 additional questions within the annual Citizen Survey to estimate the extent of
193 crime under-reporting, provided that the construction of the policing survey and/or
194 the questions on the Citizen Survey shall be the sole responsibility of non-sworn
195 employees, in consultation with the Equity Office, who are entirely outside the
196 purview of the Austin Police Department.

197 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

198 The City Manager may appoint a Policing Open Data Technical Advisory
199 Committee of relevant community stakeholders and data science/business
200 intelligence practitioners to support the technical implementation of this request. In
201 the event the City Manager opts to select such a committee, the City Council must
202 approve its membership before the Committee begins any duties on behalf of the
203 City.

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205 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

206 The City Manager shall return to Council on or before the work session on
207 December 12, 2023, to present a detailed implementation timeline and budget
208 which will permit the complete online publication of the first monthly Austin
209 Police Department Open Policing Data Release on or before March 1, 2024.

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

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City Clerk

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