

24 evidence-based policy choices, promoting greater efficiency, effectiveness, and
25 accountability in addressing public safety challenges; and

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

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

32 The City Manager is directed to develop and implement an enhanced data
33 release as provided by this Resolution (the “APD Open Policing Data Release”) for
34 the Austin Police Department. This data release will provide the public essential
35 data in the format and will contain all information described in this Resolution, will
36 protect the privacy of those interacting with law enforcement and will be published
37 once monthly on an ongoing basis, except for data that cannot be provided monthly
38 because of material, substantive technical, legal, or practical challenges, which
39 shall be provided as frequently as possible, until such time as City Council
40 explicitly changes or cancels the policy. The APD Open Policing Data Release
41 shall also address implementing monthly reporting for all data as soon as possible,
42 if such monthly reporting is reasonably practicable and permitted by law.

43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

44 The proposed data shall be released in a common open format, such as CSV,
45 JSON, Shapefiles, or GeoJSON, through the City's existing Open Data Portal or
46 equivalent method that is accessible by the public and available online.

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48 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

49 The initial data release shall include any previous data that is available. Staff
50 will provide data in accordance with the City's Records Management System
51 retention schedules.

52 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

53 Regularly released data sets will not be changed after publication. Should the
54 need arise to correct an error it will be clearly marked so the public will be aware
55 of any updated versions of previously published data.

56 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

57 The Austin Police Department will release data definitions explaining all
58 publicly available data.

59 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

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

- 62 1. Calls for Service, including the following attributes:
- 63 a. Call unique identifier,
 - 64 b. Call type code (at a minimum, to distinguish calls initiated by
65 an officer or "officer self-assigned incidents" from calls
66 initiated by a member of the public),
 - 67 c. Call date and time,
 - 68 d. Sector or jurisdiction,
 - 69 e. Priority level,
 - 70 f. Initial problem type and final problem type,

- 71 g. Incident Category (e.g. violent crime, property crime, medical,
- 72 traffic, etc.),
- 73 h. Any incident sub-categories (e.g. crime description, warrant,
- 74 burglar alarm, etc.),
- 75 i. Arrival of first unit date time stamp,
- 76 j. Call closure date time stamp,
- 77 k. Police report filed (yes or no),
- 78 l. Number of officers responding to the call,
- 79 m. Total time spent responding to the call including all responding
- 80 officers,
- 81 n. Census Block Group of the call for service, and
- 82 o. Additional data may be included that assists the public's
- 83 understanding of demand for police services, as long as the
- 84 additional data and/or reporting methods do not replace any of
- 85 the requirements listed above.

86 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

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

- 92 1. Calls for Service, including:
 - 93 a. Call unique identifier,
 - 94 b. Call date and time stamp,
 - 95 c. Call type (e.g. resident or self-initiated by an officer),
 - 96 d. Priority level,

- 97 e. Sector and/or jurisdiction,
98 f. Initial call problem description,
99 g. Final problem description,
100 h. Incident Category (e.g. violent crime, property crime, medical,
101 traffic, etc.),
102 i. Any incident sub-categories (e.g. crime description, warrant,
103 burglar alarm, etc.),
104 j. Date time stamp first unit arrival and separately time stamp call
105 closed,
106 k. Disposition and whether police report filed,
107 l. Number of officers responding to the call,
108 m. Total time spent responding to the call including all responding
109 officers, and
110 n. Census Block Group of the call for service.
- 111 2. Total number of mental health first response calls by Census Block
112 Group resulting in serious bodily injury or death to:
113 a. A person with mental illness,
114 b. A responding officer(s),
115 c. Other responding City staff, such as Emergency Medical Services
116 or Austin Fire Department, to the extent such data is available; and
117 d. Bystanders.

118 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

119 After Austin Police Department's adoption of the city-wide digital
120 timekeeping system, which shall be a priority of the Austin Police Department, the
121 data release should include data designed to evaluate the supply and accessibility of
122 existing police services, including all data points and formats listed below:

- 123 1. Sworn and Non-Sworn Personnel by Category of Assignment (e.g. patrol,
124 patrol supervisor, academy, administration, 911 call center, airport, etc.)
125 a. Count of personnel,
126 b. Category of personnel,
127 c. Hours worked by Activity Category by individual employee,
128 d. Count of total hours worked for month,
129 e. Count of total hours worked in each sector for month, and
130 f. Activity category for hours worked (patrol, special events,
131 traffic/construction, etc.).

132 The information described in 1a-1b and 1d-1f will be provided in aggregate
133 and without any identifiable information linked to a specific individual. The
134 information described in 1c will be provided individually, but without any
135 identifiable information linked to a specific individual.

- 136 2. Overtime hours worked by Activity Category by individual employee
137 a. Overtime hours worked by rate paid (e.g. x1.5, x2, etc.) for month,
138 b. Overtime hours worked by sector for month and by rate paid,
139 c. Overtime hours worked that was mandatory and discretionary,
140 d. Overtime hours worked by shift, and
141 e. Activity Category (patrol, special events, traffic/construction, etc.).

142 The information above will be provided without any identifiable information
143 linked to a specific individual.

- 144 3. Overtime Expenditures by Activity Category (patrol, special events,
145 traffic/construction, etc.)

- 146 a. Total officers collecting overtime by month by Activity Category,

- 147 b. Total overtime expenditures by sector by month by Activity
148 Category, and
149 c. Average overtime earnings by personnel available by month by
150 Activity Category.

151 4. Retirements and Separations

- 152 a. Count of retirements by month,
153 b. Count of voluntary separations by month, and
154 c. Count of indefinite suspensions by month.

155 5. Cadets in Training

- 156 a. Count of cadets in training by month,
157 b. Count of cadet separations and cause of separation by month,
158 c. Count of cadets by class by month, and
159 d. Cumulative attrition rate by class for current month.

160 6. Additional data may be included that assists the public's understanding of
161 demand for police services, as long as the additional data and/or reporting
162 methods do not replace any of the requirements listed above.

163 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

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

- 167 1. Warrant Service Arrests, Other Arrests, and Warnings by Lead Charge.
168 Citations and Tickets shall be added as soon as the Austin Police
169 Department becomes the custodian of record for these data types.
170 a. Census Block Group of the enforcement actions, and
171 b. Demographic data of the enforcement action.

- 172 2. Searches by Type (probable cause, incident to arrest, consent, etc.) with
173 Demographic Data
- 174 a. Census Block Group of the search.
- 175 3. Response Time by Priority
- 176 a. Response time by Call Priority with sector, day-of-week, and time-
177 of-day cross-tabs for current month.
- 178 4. Use of Force with Demographic Data,
- 179 a. All current data in response to resistance dataset,
180 b. If an injury or death resulted from the use of force, and
181 c. Census Block Group of the use of force event.
- 182 5. Total aggregate number of Complaints and Commendations filed with
183 either APD or OPO for each of the following data sets:
- 184 a. Status (including at minimum: sustained, unfounded, under
185 investigation, not investigated), and
186 b. Sector.

187 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

188 Preparing the data release shall be the primary responsibility of non-sworn
189 personnel, and the prepared data shall not be subject to redaction, revision, delay,
190 withholding, or restrictions on viewing, except for the prompt correction of
191 material, factual errors or if required by law. The data preparers shall have direct
192 access to all relevant data.

193 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

194 The data release shall comply with state and federal law.

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196 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

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

203 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

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

210 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

211 The City Manager shall report to Council by December 12, 2023, with an
212 implementation timeline and budget requirements to complete online publication of
213 the first Austin Police Department Open Policing Data Release on or before March
214 1, 2024.

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

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City Clerk