



## MUSIC COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230911-6

Date: September 11, 2023

Subject: Musician Parking, Loading, and Unloading

Motioned By: Vice Chair Patterson

Seconded By: Commissioner Strickland

### **Recommendation**

The City of Austin Music Commission recommends that the City Council direct City staff and the City Manager to develop an affordable parking program for musicians using existing city parking facilities.

### **Description of Recommendation to Council**

After discussion with the music community about significant need, and as well Parking & Transportation Staff about existing infrastructure and programming, Music Commission concludes that the City can feasibly create a program whereby musicians may receive free or discounted parking in city-owned parking garages and/or metered street parking spaces in entertainment districts.

### **Rationale:**

- Parking has become increasingly costly in downtown and entertainment districts.
- Due to the conveyance of required musical gear, Austin musicians cite parking as a necessary but significant expense for gigging in entertainment districts.
- The City owns/controls parking facilities, including garages and metered street parking.
- The City has already developed some parking affordability measure at garages and through the app which could be modified and expanded specifically to create an Affordable Musician Parking Program.
- Livability measures for the Austin music community help Austin maintain its status as a desirable destination for live music tourism.

### **Vote**

For: 8 (Chair Medicharla, Vice Chair Patterson, Commissioners Aguilar, Bartell, Gould, Quesada, Rosenthal, and Strickland)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Commissioners Blevins, Davila, and Mahone

Attest: Kim McCarson, Program Manager

