ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 14-1 (DEDICATION OF OR NAMING A PUBLIC FACILITY OR PROPERTY) RELATING TO NAMING AND RENAMING PUBLIC RECREATION AREAS AND FEATURES, AND RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS AT PUBLIC RECREATION AREAS AD FEATURES.

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

PART 1. City Code Section 14-1-31 (*Definitions*) is amended to amend the definition of "Facility" to read:

- (1) FACILITY includes a City building, structure, or other facility directly used by the public but does not include [excluding] a police facility under Section 14-1-35 (Procedure for Naming a Police Facility) or a public recreation area [park facility] under Article 5 [Section 14-1-36] (Naming or Renaming a Public Recreation Area and Park Features; and Recognizing Contributions at Public Recreation Areas and on Park Feature [Park Facility]).
- **PART 2**. City Code Sections 14-1-36 (*Requirements for Naming or Renaming a Park Facility*), 14-1-37 (*Park Naming Policy*), 14-1-38 (*Procedure for Naming a Feature*), and 14-1-39 (*Procedure for Naming or Renaming a Facility*) are repealed and replaced with a new Article 5 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. NAMING AND RENAMING PUBLIC RECREATION AREAS AND PARK FEATURES; AND RECOGNIZING CONTRIBUTIONS AT PUBLIC RECREATION AREAS AND ON PARK FEATURES.

§ 14-1-51 DEFINITIONS.

- (A) In this article,
 - (1) CONTRIBUTION means a culturally significant contribution, a valuable contribution, or creditable service;
 - (2) CREDITABLE SERVICE means a minimum of 10 years dedicated either through employment, volunteerism, or advocacy to the benefit of the department or park system;
 - (3) CULTURALLY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION means a community recognized aesthetic, historical, scientific, or social contribution that meaningfully impact the built environment, programmatic opportunities, sense of community, or positive advocacy for the department;

35		(4)	DEPARTMENT means the Parks and Recreation Department;	
36		(5)	DIRECTOR means the director of the department;	
37 38 39		(6)	LOCAL REFERENCE means a geographic feature, nature-based element, community, cultural or historical reference that is found in proximity to a public recreation area;	
40		(7)	NOMINEE means an individual, an entity, or group of individuals;	
41 42		(8)	PARK FEATURE means a recreational improvement that is a major component of a public recreation area; and	
43 44 45		(9)	VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION means an action or series of actions that resulted in or brought about positive outcomes for the park system or the community.	
46 47	(B)	A term defined in Chapter 8-1 (<i>Parks Administration</i>) has the same meaning in the article.		
48	§ 14·	-1-52 A	APPLICABILITY AND INTENT.	
49 50 51	(A)	This article applies to the naming and renaming of public recreation areas and parfeatures; and to other actions that recognize contributions at public recreation area and on park features.		
52 53 54	(B)	The council intends to serve the interests of the community and assure a worthy and enduring legacy when naming and renaming public recreation areas and park features.		
55	(C)	In su	pport of that intent, council seeks to adopt a process that:	
56 57 58 59		(1)	is transparent to the public regarding the processes to submit a nomination, to consider a nomination, to hold public meetings about the application, to obtain feedback from the public, and to approve a nomination to name or rename;	
60 61		(2)	actively seeks community input with mechanisms in place to receive intentional feedback along with a feedback loop; and	
62 63		(3)	considers racial, ethnic, gender, and economic disparities in the naming or renaming of public recreation areas and park features.	
64 65		and p 5/2023 10:4	ing in this article limits the council's authority to establish different criteria procedures for naming or renaming of a particular public recreation area or 4 AM Page 2 of 7 COA Law Department laming/Renaming Parks	

removed and repurposed into another park feature.

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install a plaque recognizing the nominee.

contribution by dedicating a plaque under this section, the director is authorized to

One or more plaques dedicated to other nominees may be placed at the same park

A plaque installed under this section may be removed only when the park feature is

97 § 14-1-55 NAMING POLICY. 98 Subject to the limitation in Subsection (C), a public recreation or park feature may (A) 99 be named for: 100 (1) an individual who made a valuable contribution or provided creditable 101 service to the park system and the city; 102 (2) a nominee that made a culturally significant contribution to the area or community surrounding the public recreation area; 103 104 (3) a local reference; or 105 **(4)** a nominee that: deeds the land to the City for a public recreation area; 106 (a) 107 contributes the estimated cost of at least 75 percent of the (b) development of the public recreation area; and 108 109 provides an endowment for the estimated 20-year maintenance costs (c) of the public recreation area. 110 The director will determine the estimated 20-year maintenance costs. 111 (B) (C) A public recreation area or park feature may be named for an individual when the 112 113 individual is deceased for at least two years or is retired from the City for at least 114 three years. § 14-1-56 NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR NAMING OR RENAMING A 115 PUBLIC RECREATION AREA AND PARK FEATURE. 116 117 (A) A person may submit a nomination to name or rename a public recreation area or park feature. A nomination must be submitted to the director on a form approved 118 119 by the director. 120 (B) A person must pay a non-refundable nomination fee when submitting a nomination. 121 122 (C) To nominate an individual or a group of individuals, a person must: provide a biographical sketch of the individual; 123 (1) 124 identify their valuable contribution or creditable service to the park system (2) 125 or the community, including their involvement; and 12/5/2023 10:44 AM Page 4 of 7 COA Law Department Chapter 14-1 Naming/Renaming Parks

126 127 128		(3)	identify the individual's connection, if any, to the public recreation area or park feature or to the activity for which the public recreation area or park feature will be used.
129	(D)	To no	ominate an entity, a person must:
130		(1)	provide the entity's history; and
131 132		(2)	identify the entity's culturally significant contribution or valuable contribution.
133	(E)	To nominate a local reference, a person must:	
134		(1)	identify the local reference and its location; and
135 136		(2)	describe the connection between the public recreation area and the local reference.
137 138	(F)	The nomination must include documentation that demonstrates public support for the proposed naming or renaming.	
139	(G)	Notifications.	
140 141 142 143		(1)	Existing Public Recreation Areas and Park Features. Within 30 days of receipt of a completed nomination, the director will notify the council, the city manager, the Parks and Recreation Board, and the City's public information officer that a nomination was submitted.
144 145 146 147 148		(2)	Newly Constructed Public Recreation Areas and Park Features. On or before the day the construction begins for a new public recreation area or park feature, the director will notify the council, the city manager, the Parks and Recreation Board, and the City's public information officer that a new public recreation area or park feature needs to be named.
149	(H)	Com	munity Engagement.
150 151		(1)	Community engagement begins after the director provides notice under Subsection (G).
152 153 154		(2)	The City's public information officer and the director will take reasonable steps to inform persons who are likely to have an interest in the naming or renaming of the public recreation area or park feature.
155		(3)	The public information officer and director will:

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- (a) consider the nature and location of the public recreation area and whether a particular community is likely to be especially interested in the process;
- (b) disseminate the information to reach those communities;
- (c) conduct at least three community engagement activities; and
- (d) disaggregate engagement feedback to compare district-based feedback to total community feedback.
- (4) The public information officer and director will complete community engagement within 180 days.
- (I) For a newly constructed public recreation area or park feature, the deadline to submit nominations must be at least 90 days from the date of the last community engagement activity.

§ 14-1-57 APPROVAL OF A NAMING OR RENAMING NOMINATION.

- (A) Council approval is required to name or rename a public recreation area.
 - (1) Justified Nominations to Name or Rename a Public Recreation Area.
 - (a) A nomination may not be considered justified until after community engagement is complete or, if newly constructed, 90 days from the date of the last community engagement activity.
 - (b) If the director finds that the nomination justified, the director must submit the nomination to the chair of the Parks and Recreation Board.
 - (c) The city manager must provide each council member with a copy of the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendation, if any, and the nominations received by the director.
 - (d) The city manager shall place an item regarding the naming or renaming of the public recreation area on the council's agenda as soon as practicable after the earliest of:
 - (i) Parks and Recreation Board makes its recommendation, or
 - (ii) the period prescribed by Section 14-1-58(B) (*Parks and Recreation Board Recommendations*) expires.

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188	(B)	The director is authorized to name or	r rename a park feature.				
189	§ 14-	§ 14-1-58 PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS.					
190 191	(A)	After the director justifies a nomination, the Parks and Recreation Board shall conduct a public hearing on the nomination.					
192 193	(B)	The Parks and Recreation Board shall make a written recommendation within 45 days from the date the director submits the nomination to the chair.					
194 195	(C)	The Parks and Recreation Board is d board fails to meet the deadline desc	eemed to have made no recommendation if the ribed in this section.				
196	§ 14-	3 14-1-59 APPROVED NOMINATION FEES FOR PLAQUE, BRICK, OR SIGN.					
197 198	(A)	Before a plaque or brick can be insta must pay a fee for the plaque or brick	lled, the person who submitted the nomination k.				
199 200	(B)	Before a sign can be fabricated, the particular a fee for the sign.	person who submitted the nomination must pay				
201	PAR	T 3. This ordinance takes effect on	, 2023.				
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