

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Kerri Lang, Budget Officer

THROUGH: Ed Van Eenoo, Chief Financial Officer

DATE: January 25, 2024

SUBJECT: Property Tax Exemption for Eligible Child-Care Providers, Resolution 20231109-028

We want to provide you with a response to Council Resolution 20231109-028 which directs the City Manager to bring forward an ordinance to enact a 100% exemption for eligible child-care facility operators that was designed to take effect on January 1, 2024.

The Financial Services Department (FSD) recommended a draft ordinance for Council approval on January 18, 2024, which passed on consent.

In future years, this exemption will be included in the ordinance which levies municipal property taxes at the yearly Budget Adoption Meeting alongside existing tax exemptions, such as agriculture, disabled veterans, disability, elderly homestead, and resident homestead exemptions.

Additionally, the resolution directed the City Manager to explore a mechanism to provide similar relief to home-based child-care providers. This memo does not respond to that aspect of the resolution. Austin Public Health should provide a response to that request by that May 9, 2024, the deadline noted in the resolution.

Should you have any questions or need additional information regarding this ordinance and exemption, please reach out to me at kerri.lang@austintexas.gov.

cc: Jesús Garza, Interim City Manager