

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, City Council has established the goal of zero tolerance for wildfire-related fatalities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has been identified as one of the most at-risk communities in the nation for wildfire-related structure losses; and

WHEREAS, the City is dedicated to establishing policies and practices that safeguard life, property, and natural resources, ensuring economic sustainability from the negative impacts of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) is a crucial planning document for addressing wildfire concerns while upholding the community's longstanding land use and management values; and

WHEREAS, in March 2014, the Council unanimously approved the adoption of the City’s first CWPP, a product of extensive stakeholder involvement providing actionable recommendations to enhance Austin’s and Travis County’s resiliency to the impacts of wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the 2014 CWPP recommends that the plan be updated to reflect previous accomplishments and set forth new goals, strategies, and actions that will enhance Austin’s and Travis County’s resilience to wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the City has been selected as the sole recipient of the Texas A&M Forest Service and the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service “Southern Area State Fire Capacity Hazard Mitigation Grant” intended to update the current CWPP through a collaborative planning process; and

23 **WHEREAS**, having an approved CWPP enables the City to be eligible for
24 pursuing Community Wildfire Defense Grants and other funding sources to
25 implement actions identified in the CWPP update; and

26 **WHEREAS**, in addition to the Austin Fire Department, many City
27 departments have a role in preventing and preparing for wildfires in our
28 community; **NOW, THEREFORE;**

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

30 The City Manager is directed to empower all City departments with a role in
31 wildfire resiliency to meaningfully engage in the CWPP update and collaborate
32 with Travis County, Texas A&M Forest Service, and other key stakeholders and
33 cooperators to ensure the plan is comprehensive, collaborative, inclusive, and
34 actionable.

35 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

36 The City Manager is directed to ensure that the CWPP update
37 comprehensively addresses the critical emphasis areas of the National Cohesive
38 Wildland Fire Strategy. These areas include fire-adapted communities, fire-resilient
39 landscapes, safe and effective risk-based response, climate change impacts,
40 diversity equity and inclusion workforce capacity, health and wellbeing, as well as
41 community resilience and recovery.

42 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

43 The CWPP will be incorporated into the Imagine Austin Comprehensive
44 Plan and its successor as well as be incorporated into the City's additional relevant
45 plans such as the Hazard Mitigation Action Plan and Urban Forest Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to brief Council on any unmet budgetary needs for the CWPP planning process and the Plan’s implementation, and to explore funding options to address those needs, so that Council may act to address those needs in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budgets.

ADOPTED: _____, 2024 **ATTEST:** _____
Myrna Rios
City Clerk