

**RESOLUTION NO. 20240321-036**

**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

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

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

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

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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**


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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The CWPP will be incorporated into the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and its successor as well as be incorporated into the City's additional relevant 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:** March 21, 2024 **ATTEST:**   
Myrna Rios  
City Clerk