RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, an agrihood is a planned community that integrates agriculture into a residential neighborhood; and

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WHEREAS, agrihoods facilitate food production as well as provide green space, recreation, aesthetics and value for a community; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Land Institute defines agrihoods as "singlefamily, multifamily, or mixed-use communities built with a working farm or community garden as a focus;" and

WHEREAS, there are numerous examples from around the county of agrihoods being developed in cities; and

WHEREAS, in Austin, there are opportunities to utilize some of the last remaining farm properties for agrihoods that focus on affordable housing and improved food access; and

WHEREAS, best practice points to a need for policy changes to allow incentives for farmer-informed agricultural components, incentives for developers in the design of a community, and public funding to support mixed-use affordable residential, commercial, and agricultural spaces; and

WHEREAS, possible partners for any local program to support agrihoods include existing farm owners/ farmers, affordable housing developers, property management companies, urban farm consultants, school districts, land conservation organizations, and City and Travis County ("County") staff; and

WHEREAS, on April 23, 2024, the Housing and Planning Committee recommended that the Council take action related to agrihoods; NOW, THEREFORE,

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

The City Manager is directed to investigate whether there are existing impediments to agrihood development and best practices for programmatic support or local funding in order to achieve agrihoods that are comparable to those in other parts of the country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to explore the use of agrihoods as a pilot program in the North East Planning District, given its unique mixture of public land assets, existing farmland, collaborative planning between the County and the City, and the existence of the City's only current agrihood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to explore additional ways to provide local support for agrihoods. At a minimum, the City Manager should explore:

- 1. the feasibility of adopting a zoning typology for the agrihoods concept,
- 2. the availability of local or State tax incentives,
- the availability of partnerships with Federal agencies and congressional offices,
- 4. options to collaborate with the County on agrihood development,
- the creation or curation of an agrihoods dashboard that tracks potential sites, needs, and opportunities for agrihoods within the combined City-County geography and establishes metrics for any future agrihoods considerations, and

6. increased programmatic support for the Sustainability Office and other City staffing related to agrihoods.

ADOPTED:	, 2024 ATTEST:	
	,	Myrna Rios City Clerk
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