

RESOLUTION NO. 20240814-027

WHEREAS, litter is a nuisance that can dissuade residents and visitors from using City parks and that poses a threat to the health and safety of the residents, visitors, pets, and wildlife interacting with the parks and the surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, City parks are facing litter issues beyond the capacity of the City's Parks and Recreation Department's current operations and maintenance resources to mitigate completely; and

WHEREAS, City parks are located in areas where residents and businesses pay the Clean Community Fee (CCF); and

WHEREAS, abating litter at City parks ensures a clean community and provides health and economic benefits to those who pay the CCF; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

Council adopts the recitals above as findings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to explore providing supplemental litter prevention and abatement services to City parks, including:

- exploring using Austin Resource Recovery's (ARR) expertise and resources to provide further litter abatement in parks; and
- identifying and analyzing the costs, including performing cost-of service studies where appropriate, to provide those supplemental litter prevention and abatement services in parks.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to report back to Council by December 1, 2024, with a recommendation for Council consideration and action on how the City can further prevent and abate litter in City parks, including:

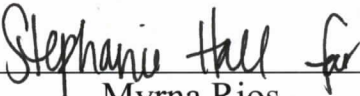
- how ARR can further help with that abatement; and
- how to fund those costs, including increasing the Clean Community Fee if necessary and appropriate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

As part of the exploration and recommendations described above, the City Manager is directed to prioritize using City employees, including temporary employees, to provide the supplemental litter services to the extent doing so provides a public benefit and recommending reassignment of employees between departments if necessary and appropriate.

ADOPTED: August 14, 2024

ATTEST:


Myrna Rios
City Clerk