

25 addition to implementing an entertainment license to address multiple City Code
26 violations, including capacity loading, fire safety, and underage drinking; and

27 **WHEREAS**, the City Council has previously passed resolutions to address
28 public safety concerns, including Resolution No. 20210729-175, which initiated
29 the Safer Sixth Street Initiative to implement safety improvements, and Resolution
30 No. 20220303-061, which directed additional actions to improve lighting, crowd
31 management, and partnerships with law enforcement agencies; and

32 **WHEREAS**, in response to Resolution No. 20210729-175, staff
33 recommended an annual entertainment permit required for places of assembly in
34 the 6th Street district with operating hours after midnight and streamlining
35 currently required inspections, reviews, and approvals into the annual
36 entertainment permitting process.

37 **WHEREAS**, the June 12, 2021, mass shooting on Sixth Street and other
38 incidents underscores the urgency of adopting multi-faceted strategies to ensure the
39 safety and well-being of all who visit the area; and

40 **WHEREAS**, the City has taken steps to improve infrastructure by upgrading
41 street lighting, adding HALO cameras for enhanced surveillance, and piloting
42 programs like the Nightlife Establishment Training Program and the Nightlife
43 Establishment Accreditation Program to increase bar staff training and promote
44 best practices in venue management; and

45 **WHEREAS**, the Downtown Austin Alliance (DAA) released its Downtown
46 Austin Parking Strategy in 2019 to provide a data-driven parking management
47 approach to support a vibrant downtown that enhances quality of life for visitors,
48 residents, businesses, and workers; and

49 **WHEREAS**, the Urban Land Institute Austin’s Technical Advisory Panel
50 Downtown Austin Parking Report, released in March 2024, provides key parking
51 recommendations for downtown to curb new parking construction and improve the
52 downtown experience; and

53 **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2025, the City released a memo outlining the
54 phased implementation of the 2024 Centralized Parking Management Plan to
55 create uniformity and a seamless parking experience for the public in both on-
56 street and public parking garages; and

57 **WHEREAS**, collectively, the prior analysis and recommendations provide
58 guidance for parking and transportation circulation via valet, rideshare, and the
59 City’s affordable parking program; and

60 **WHEREAS**, the Sixth Street Pilot, implemented in December 2024,
61 reopened Sixth Street to vehicular traffic on select evenings and fully reopened on
62 January 16, 2025, with the goal of reducing crime and improving safety; and

63 **WHEREAS**, the Sixth Street Pilot implemented an initial street redesign
64 that widened sidewalks, changed signal timing to slow vehicular speeds, added
65 rideshare drop-off zones, installed fencing, and created a bike lane for enhanced
66 pedestrian and bicyclist comfort and safety at all hours; and

67 **WHEREAS**, pilot data reported that between January 1 and February 11,
68 2025, compared to the same period in 2024, overall use of force incidents on Sixth
69 Street dropped by 50 percent and arrests on Sixth Street declined by 34 percent;
70 and

71 **WHEREAS**, next steps include evaluating data and metrics from the initial
72 pilot to inform implementation of a mid-term plan and long-term upgrades,

73 including cost estimates, implementation timeline, and funding sources; and

74 **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

76 The City Manager is directed to provide the following transportation and
77 public safety data along with status updates for the Sixth Street pilot program for
78 future mid-term and long-term plans:

79 **1. Data Collection & Reporting:**

- 80 ○ Collect data and metrics during the Sixth Street pilot program's
81 duration from multiple departments related to safety,
82 transportation, and economic development, including but not
83 limited to pedestrian safety, crime rates, code violations, line
84 queuing issues, frequency of overnight pilot removals due to
85 overcrowding, feedback from property owners and business
86 owners, business revenue, and a public survey assessing
87 perceptions of safety and vibrancy.

88 **2. Parking & Transportation Coordination:**

- 89 ○ Explore and provide recommendations to improve valet services to
90 improve traffic circulation and pedestrian safety, including use of
91 alleyways and nearby public and private garages.
- 92 ○ Consider coordination with surface parking lots to enhance
93 rideshare pick-up and drop-off circulation in the area.
- 94 ○ Provide recommendations to continue efforts to expand the
95 Affordable Parking Program, with a focus on downtown workers
96 and musicians during late night hours, based on lessons learned

97 from the Convention Center pilot program, and coordinate with the
98 Downtown Austin Alliance on efforts for a District Parking model.

99 **3. Public Safety & Business Regulation:**

- 100 ○ Assess FTEs and costs needed to support a year-round Public
101 Assembly Code Enforcement (PACE) team to address public
102 safety concerns, including, but not limited to, after-hours
103 establishments without a TABC license.
- 104 ○ Conduct a stakeholder engagement survey and provide
105 recommendations regarding the implementation of an
106 entertainment license for businesses serving liquor past midnight.
- 107 ○ Evaluate and provide recommendations on implementation of a
108 Foreclosed Property Ordinance, Vacant Property Registration
109 Ordinance, and a Vacant Building Program, which dedicates staff
110 to work with property owners to find long-term solutions to
111 vacancy.
- 112 ○ Identify any high-priority areas, including alleyways, in need of
113 additional streetlights or upgrades, security lighting, or pedestrian
114 lighting solutions and associated costs.

115 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

116 The City Manager is directed to present and solicit feedback from relevant
117 boards and commissions regarding the next steps proposed for the Sixth Street
118 Safety pilot, including the Pedestrian Advisory Council, the Bicycle Advisory
119 Council, the Urban Transportation Commission, and the Downtown Commission.

120 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

121 The City Manager shall provide quarterly updates in the form of a
122 memorandum to the City Council, with the first by April 30th, 2025, and a
123 presentation to the Mobility Committee on December 4, 2025.
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125 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2025 **ATTEST:** _____

126 Myrna Rios

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