ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE ORDERING A RUNOFF ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON DECEMBER 12, 2026, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR DISTRICTS 1, 3, AND 5; PROVIDING FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

PART 1. A municipal runoff election shall be held in the City of Austin on December 12, 2026, in accordance with the provisions of Article II and Article III of the Austin City Charter and the laws of the State of Texas. At the election there shall be elected by majority vote of the qualified voters of District 1 a City Council Member for District 1. The candidates for District 1 shall meet all requirements for and shall be residents of District 1. There shall also be elected a City Council Member for District 3 by the majority vote of the qualified voters of District 3. The candidates for District 3 shall meet all requirements for and shall be residents of District 3. There shall also be elected a City Council Member for District 5 by the majority vote of the qualified voters of District 5. The candidates for District 5 shall meet all requirements for and shall be residents of District 5.

PART 2. The election shall be conducted between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The location of the main early voting polling place, the dates and hours for early voting, and the early voting clerk's official mailing address are provided in **Exhibit "A"**, attached and incorporated as a part of this ordinance.

PART 3. As specified in Resolution No. 20231019-006, the City adopts Travis County's electronic voting system for use in the election for early voting and voting conducted on election day in Travis County. The central counting station for Travis County is established at the Travis County Elections Division, 5501 Airport Boulevard, Austin, Texas 78751.

PART 4. Notice of the election shall be posted and published in accordance with state law. The notice shall be posted, in both English and Spanish, in the office of the City Clerk and at the City Hall notice kiosk not later than the 15th day before election day. Notice of the elections shall be published one time, in English and Spanish, not earlier than the 30th day before the date of the elections or later than the 10th day before the date of the elections, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Austin.

PART 5. The Council finds that, because of the curtailed period for a runoff election and the desire of the Council to provide an opportunity for early voting, there is a need to immediately begin required preparations for this election. Such need constitutes an emergency, and the Council declares that an emergency exists. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes

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effect immediately on its passage for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare.

PASSED AND APPROVED

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Kirk Watson
Mayor

APPROVED: _____ **ATTEST:** _____
Deborah Thomas
City Attorney

Erika Brady
City Clerk

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