

RESOLUTION NO. R-2018-5930

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which consists of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties, has air pollution levels that are close to violating the federal standards for ground-level ozone (O₃); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets federal air quality standards at levels it considers necessary to protect human health and public welfare from harm; and

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's continued compliance with federal air quality standards is important to ensure public health, protect economic growth, and address the region's transportation needs;

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's air pollution regularly reaches levels that the EPA considers "moderate" or "unhealthy for sensitive groups" based on its air quality index (AQI); and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC), of which the City of Round Rock (the "City") is a member, is charged with the development and implementation of a clean air plan to maintain compliance with federal air quality standards and the development of policies and strategies to guide CAC members about actions that will achieve clean air in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the region's current air quality plan is set to expire at the end of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has requested that the City take action to formally participate in a new regional air quality plan for 2019-2023; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the new regional air quality plan are to: 1) maximize the probability of compliance with federal air quality standards, and 2) minimize health and environmental impacts associated with regional air pollution; and

WHEREAS, controlling and reducing emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and improving public awareness about air quality are critical to supporting the goals of the new regional air quality plan, Now Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROUND ROCK, TEXAS,

The City endorses the goals of the new regional air quality plan and agrees to participate in the plan and report on any implementation of these measures annually to CAPCOG and this governing body.

The City Council hereby finds and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted was posted and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Resolution and the subject matter hereof were discussed, considered and formally acted upon, all as required by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

RESOLVED this 27th day of September, 2018.

CRAIG MORGAN, Mayor
City of Round Rock, Texas

ATTEST:

SARA L. WHITE, City Clerk