RESOLUTION NO. R-2022-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS IN SUPPORT OF THE CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS' APPLICATION FOR ENHANCED FINE PARTICULATE MATTER MONITORING IN CENTRAL TEXAS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, air quality can threaten our environment, economy, and the health of the residents of the City of Bastrop; and

WHEREAS, air pollution levels in Central Texas were considered "moderate" or worse on thirty-six percent of days in 2021, according to the National Air Quality Index (AQI); and

WHEREAS, children, older adults, people with lung disease and people with heart disease are particularly affected by poor air quality, and make up about two out of every five residents in Central Texas; and

WHEREAS, fine particulate matter levels (PM_{2.5}) cause the majority of the "moderate" air pollution days in the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown Metropolitan Statistical Area; and

WHEREAS, enhanced monitoring of PM_{2.5} is important not only for public health, but also for understanding the sources and effects of PM_{2.5} pollution on the region's vulnerable communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop is a member of the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition and actively involved in the region's ongoing air quality planning efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop participates in the Regional Air Quality Plan, whose objectives are to maximize the probability of compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards region-wide and to minimize the health and environmental impacts of regional air pollution.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Bastrop supports CAPCOG's application for enhanced PM_{2.5} monitoring in Central Texas.

DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop this 8th day of February 2022.

APPROVED:

Comie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney