



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Ed Van Eenoo, Chief Financial Officer *EV*
Darrell Alexander, Building Services Officer *DA*

THROUGH: Veronica Briseño, Assistant City Manager

DATE: February 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Update on Resolution No. 20210826-108 (child care facilities in City-owned properties)

On August 26, 2021, City Council approved [Resolution No. 20210826-108](#) which directed staff to reaffirm that new City facilities and City-sponsored public oriented projects include family-friendly features; directing the City Manager to include child care facilities in City-owned redevelopments; and directing the City Manager to include a cost estimate for an onsite child care facility for projects that will house a significant number of City of Austin employees.

Staff respectfully requests an additional three months to finalize processes and criteria for determining the need to locate high-quality child care facilities on City projects, especially in "child care deserts" and environmentally clean sites. More time is needed to adequately evaluate various factors such as business and residential demand generators for said facilities and to incorporate the lessons learned from the opening in November 2021 of the child care facility developed by Austin Public Health and Financial Services Department – Real Estate Services (RES) at the Bergstrom Tech Center.

Simultaneous to the development of the process and criteria outlined above, the Building Services Department is working with the Strategic Facility Governance Team (SFGT) to include a child care component on the Request for Facility Action form. The form, considered the first step in the facility process, is utilized by City departments to request major renovations, leased space, or purchasing existing or construction of new facilities/buildings. The SFGT is responsible for reviewing, approving, and managing the acquisition of new facilities, leased space, and major building renovations over \$15,000. The inclusion of this information on the Request for Facility Action form will allow the SFGT to review all requests to ensure a child care component analysis, using the process and criteria being developed by RES, has been conducted to determine if it is applicable for a given facility/property.

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