

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL, SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**ORDINANCE**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES FOR CANCER REGISTRY DATA SHARING AT NO COST FOR THE SAN ANTONIO METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT’S INFORMATICS TEAM AND IN SUPPORT OF SA FORWARD IMPLEMENTATION FOR A TERM ENDING AUGUST 31, 2026.**

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**WHEREAS**, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District’s (Metro Health’s) Informatics Team is responsible for tracking and disseminating data, evidence, and research on top causes of morbidity and mortality such as cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, cancer is consistently the 2nd leading cause of death in Bexar County, and year after year, Non-Hispanic Black communities in Bexar County have much higher rates of cancer mortality compared to any other race/ethnic group; and

**WHEREAS**, to better lead cancer prevention and reduce mortality from cancer, it is imperative that local health departments are equipped with timely, granular cancer incidence data to better understand and address disparities in the development, prognosis, and treatment outcomes of cancer within their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Health routinely works with and receives population-level data from the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), including vital statistics data and behavioral risk factor surveillance (BRFSS) data; and

**WHEREAS**, the DSHS’ Texas Cancer Registry (TCR) is a statewide, population-based registry that serves as the foundation for measuring the cancer burden in Texas; and

**WHEREAS**, the TCR is one of the largest cancer registries in the United States and is funded by both the National Cancer Institute’s Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Program and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR); and

**WHEREAS**, the data received will equip Metro Health with the ability to conduct detailed analysis on cancer incidence and diagnosis by race/ethnicity, sex/gender, and census tract, which will allow us to better track local cancer trends in a timely manner and help inform cancer prevention, screening, and treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, this accomplishment for Metro Health is a significant milestone achieved under its SA Forward Plan, particularly for the priority areas of “Technology & Infrastructure” (Action: Expand Public Health Informatics across the department), “Health Equity & Social Justice” (Action: Implement

systematic collection and dissemination of equity-driven data as part of the Equity Action Plan), and “Access to Care” ( Action: Conduct a comprehensive Access to Care Assessment that will tackle emerging issues related to COVID-19 and healthcare, such as cancer diagnosed at later stages); **NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO,**

**SECTION 1.** The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District or designee, is authorized to execute an agreement with the Department of State Health Services for cancer registry data sharing at no cost for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District’s Informatics Team and in support of SA Forward implementation for a term ending August 31, 2026. A copy of the agreement in substantially final form is attached hereto and incorporated for all purposes as **Attachment I.**

**SECTION 2** This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes, otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED and APPROVED this \_\_\_ th day of August, 2022.**

**M A Y O R**  
Ron Nirenberg

**ATTEST,**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM,**

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Debbie Racca Sittre, City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney