

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, any non-hotel building where group lodging for more than six unrelated persons is provided for compensation is considered a group residential use subject to regulation under Chapter 13 of the Local Amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin code currently requires operators of such lodging establishments to obtain licensure for all group housing that meets applicable occupancy definitions under Chapter 13, including but not limited to rooming houses, boarding homes, fraternity houses, and sorority houses; and

**WHEREAS**, operating license requirements for regulated lodging establishments exist under Chapter 13 of City Code Chapter 25-12-213 to ensure the health and safety of the residents of regulated lodging establishments, including residents of group homes such as rooming houses and boarding homes, irrespective of population of tenant or resident served; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been some uncertainty regarding the applicability of these operating license requirements to group homes serving tenants or residents with disabilities or who are elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of Council that the operating license requirements of City Code for all applicable categories of group housing be uniformly applied, administered, and enforced in a nondiscriminatory and fair manner to protect the health, safety, and welfare of tenants, residents, employees, visitors, or operators of such homes; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Manager is directed to uniformly administer group housing license requirements to all applicable occupancies under Chapter 13 of City Code Chapter 25-12-213, including those occupancies that provide lodging to residents or tenants who are elderly or who have disabilities.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2013    **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Jannette S. Goodall  
City Clerk

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