

BROWNFIELDS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has the responsibility to revitalize derelict contaminated sites, protect human health and the environment, and to promote sustainable development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has the duty to exercise environmental leadership when it comes to the new construction and retrofitting of city sponsored or permitted affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin Brownfields Revitalization Office has been in existence since 1998 and furnishes no cost environmental assessments as well as clean up assistance; and

WHEREAS, Brownfield redevelopment is essentially the marriage of environmental cleanup and community/economic development; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Development Commission recommends that the Austin City Council:

- require a Phase I Brownfields assessment for all city sponsored or permitted affordable housing development, without exception.
- expeditiously publish publicly available maps of all Brownfield sites located within the city limits and ETJ. These maps shall be updated annually.
- Create a joint Environmental Commission/Community Development Commission task force dedicated to studying Brownfields revitalization and making policy recommendations.