

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the January 2017 Point in Time Count revealed that an estimated 2,036 people in Austin and Travis County are experiencing homelessness, with an estimated 834 individuals sleeping outdoors, 832 individuals sleeping in shelters, and 370 individuals residing in transitional housing and in need of permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, Mobile Loaves & Fishes has built Community First! Village, a 27-acre master planned community that provides a supportive community and affordable, sustainable housing for 232 formerly homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 City Council approved Ordinance No. 20140522-047 and Ordinance No. 20141211-213 unanimously waiving various fees associated with the construction of Phase I of the Community First! Village; and

WHEREAS, Phase I of Community First! Village also includes an outdoor Alamo Drafthouse movie theater, medical clinic, community market, operations building, art house, blacksmith forge, woodshop, and an organic farm that provides fresh produce to the community's residents; and

WHEREAS, Phase II of Community First! Village envisions an expansion of the current community to include an additional 24 acres that will provide deeply affordable housing for an estimated additional 400 individuals experiencing homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Community First! Village has garnered national attention for its mission of assisting individuals experiencing homelessness through innovative and inclusive services; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 the City Council established the goal of creating one hundred permanent supportive housing units per year, and the Council has repeatedly reaffirmed this commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Ending Community Homelessness Organization estimates that millions of dollars across the health care, criminal justice, and social service systems can be saved over time through the creation of additional permanent supportive housing; and

WHEREAS, it is the City's mission and duty to support the development of housing for our community's most vulnerable neighbors; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council affirms its intent to waive city fees associated with construction of Phase II of the Community First! Village including but not limited to the following:

- Review Fees (Planning & Development Review Dept.)
- Phasing Fees per phase (Planning & Development Review Dept.)
- Variance Fee (Planning & Development Review Dept.)
- Non-Admin. Variance Fee (Planning & Development Review Dept.)
- Landscape Inspection Fee (Planning & Development Review Dept.)
- Revision Fees (Planning & Development Review Dept.)
- Subdivision Fees (Planning & Development Review Dept.)
- Electrical Fees plus 4% surcharge (Planning & Development Review Dept.)
- Plumbing Fees plus 4% surcharge (Planning & Development Review Dept.)
- AWU Tap Fees (Austin Water Utility Fund)
- Austin Energy Fees for Temporary Service (Austin Energy Fund)

- Austin Energy Construction Costs & Fees
- City of Austin Construction Inspection Fees
- Platting Fees
- Site Development Permit Fees

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

By related ordinance, the Council intends to waive fees associated with Austin Energy. The City Manager is directed to complete an itemized list of all other City fees associated with the construction of Phase II of Community First! Village and to place an ordinance on the Council agenda at the earliest possible date, but no later than December 14, 2017 to enable Council to confirm the additional fee waivers.

ADOPTED: _____, 2017

ATTEST: _____
Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk