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- WHEREAS, Texas regulates providers of certain health and personal care services
- 4 under Texas Health and Safety Code Chapters 142, 242, 246, 247, and 252; and
- 5 WHEREAS, state-regulated services include medical care delivered by licensed
- 6 physicians or nurses as well as personal care services such as assistance with feeding,
- 7 dressing, moving, bathing or other personal needs or maintenance; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** individuals with mental health needs and physical disabilities who do
- 9 not meet the threshold for state-regulated services may need certain services that are not
- 10 regulated by the state (hereinafter referred to as clients); and
- 11 WHEREAS, local providers offer clients housing and domestic care services, which
- 12 include commonplace activities such as light housework, grocery shopping, laundry
- 13 service, and also more crucial services such as money management, transportation, and
- 14 assistance with self-administration of medication; and
- 15 **WHEREAS,** these providers meet a vital public need for these clients; and
- WHEREAS, these services are critical to the health and wellbeing of their clients,
- 17 and yet state law does not require these providers to complete any training to support or
- 18 manage clients with unique health needs; and
- WHEREAS, these providers are in a position to exercise a level of influence and
- 20 control over the welfare of their clients; and

21	WHEREAS, City Council recognizes a need for training and licensing for
22	individuals and entities who provide housing and domestic care services to clients with
23	unique health needs; NOW, THEREFORE,
24	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:
25	The City Council directs the City Manager to explore opportunities and options to
26	improve the standard of care offered by providers of housing and domestic care services to
27	clients with physical and mental health-related issues who do not receive state-regulated
28	services. The City Council encourages the City Manager to explore the viability of
29	licensing individuals (and entities) who provide these services, who are not subject to state
30	regulation and an incentive program for those providers who improve the quality of life for
31	their clients.
32	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:
33	The City Council directs the City Manager to return with recommendations by April
34	25, 2019.
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36 37 38	ADOPTED:, 2018 ATTEST: Janette S. Goodall City Clerk