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WHEREAS, Austin is a city that embraces a culture of community, worker, and tenant organizing, and renters should have the freedom to exercise their rights; and

WHEREAS, in several types of federally-subsidized properties—such as project-based Section 8 and Section 811 apartments—renters have the freedom to exercise their rights in ways that should be applied to all renters across Austin; and

WHEREAS, The Uprooted Project at the University of Texas at Austin recommends tenant organizing rights as an important tool for fighting displacement; and

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

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28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

29 The City Manager is directed to engage stakeholders including the Austin
30 Apartment Association, the Austin Board of Realtors, Texas RioGrande Legal Aid,
31 Building and Strengthening Tenant Action, and Austin Tenants Council in
32 developing the ordinance.

33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

34 It is the City Council's intent that the Civil Rights Office investigate and
35 enforce this renters rights ordinance. The City Manager shall ensure policies and
36 processes for the Housing and Planning Department, the Code Department, the
37 Austin Police Department, and any other relevant department are amended to
38 comply with these rights.

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41 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2022 **ATTEST:** _____
42 Myrna Rios
43 City Clerk