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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has recently enabled the Department of Housing and Urban Development to engage in research and experimentation leading to the development of low-cost housing intended to make it possible for every American to enjoy the comforts of wholesome, safe, and attractive homes; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Austin was honored by being selected as the site for conducting the experimentation in this bold new housing concept upon Federally-owned property in the eastern portion of our City overlooking Town Lake; and,

WHEREAS, the experimental methods of construction for homes which will be continuously inspected, observed, and evaluated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development will involve innovations and novel techniques for effecting the objectives of the program which may differ from standard procedures and local code requirements concerning materials and techniques; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the City Council to cooperate with the United States government in all deliberate speed in furthering the advancement of this program; Now, Therefore,

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

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and requested to assist in the proposed program of low-cost housing development by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and to issue permits for such construction as an educational, research, and experimental endeavor although the proposed construction may not necessarily comply with the various code provisions applicable to permanently situated structures of similar character; but the issuance of which shall in nowise be considered as a

precedent or as a waiver of the necessity of compliance with the various code provisions applicable to permanently situated structures of similar character; Now, Therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the City Manager be authorized and requested to report to the various affected Boards and Commissions of the City and to the City Council any findings from such experimentation and research which, in his judgment, would indicate the desirability of modifying any of the codes of the City to accomplish the objectives of providing low-cost dwellings which would not impair the safety, health, and desirability of structures in neighborhoods if such modifications were made.

ADOPTED: September 12, 1968. ATTEST: _____
City Clerk