

RESOLUTION NO. 20230720-129

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program is one of the City's longest-running affordable housing programs; and

WHEREAS, through the S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program, the City provides full or partial fee waivers of certain development fees for projects with significant affordability components; and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Code currently prescribes a list of fees that are waived for S.M.A.R.T. Housing-certified developments, which creates challenges when existing fees are re-named or new fees are added to the development process because an amendment to the Land Development Code is required; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council initiates amendments to City Code Title 25 (*Land Development*) to update the text of Section 25-1-704 so that fees eligible for a waiver under the S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program would be identified as part of the annual fee ordinance. As part of this change, in lieu of listing the fees that are eligible to be waived, City Council supports listing those fees that are not waived under the S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program in the annual fee ordinance if the City Manager finds it feasible to implement. If the City Manager find that this approach is not feasible, the City Manager shall present the rationale for this determination to City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is encouraged to collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions and regional entities to develop a coordinated approach to affordable

housing, leveraging resources and sharing best practices to address the broader housing crisis in the region.

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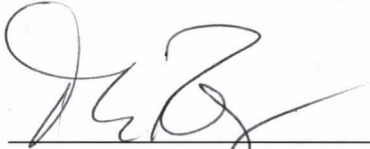
The City Manager is directed to determine the total amount that would be waived for a S.M.A.R.T. Housing development that utilizes expedited review and provide the findings to the Housing and Planning Committee at the September 2023 meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council initiates amendments to City Code Title 25 (*Land Development*) that the City Manager finds are needed to improve the operational and functionality of the S.M.A.R.T. Housing Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to process these code changes and to give a progress briefing at the September 2023 Housing and Planning Committee meeting.

ADOPTED: July 20, 2023 **ATTEST:** 
Myrna Rios
City Clerk