

WHEREAS, the City has observed an ongoing trend in student housing developments rented by the bedroom where some bedrooms do not have access to a window; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that people with access to natural light in bedrooms, offices, and hospital rooms have improved mortality rates, productivity, sleep, and mental health; and

WHEREAS, the proliferation of windowless bedrooms are occurring throughout the City due to allowances in the City's Building Code; and

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

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26 should allow enough flexibility to creatively provide natural light and minimize
27 impacts to affordability.

28 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

29 City Council encourages the City Manager to consider the proposed
30 language in Attachment A when proposing code amendments and to consider
31 stakeholder feedback, industry practices, and requirements.

32 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

33 The City Manager is directed to process the amendments necessary to
34 accomplish the goals in this Resolution and return with a draft ordinance for
35 Council consideration no later than August of 2024.

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37 **ADOPTED:** _____, 2023 **ATTEST:** _____
38 Myrna Rios
39 City Clerk
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