



23           **WHEREAS**, innovative programs such as the Passive House Design  
24 Challenge, as demonstrated by the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, have  
25 successfully incentivized and promoted the construction of energy-efficient and  
26 affordable housing units within Massachusetts; and

27           **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

29           The City Council directs the City Manager to explore the cost and benefits of a  
30 passive house pilot program that includes the following potential goals:

- 31           **1. Study the potential for a pilot program:** Convene a group of subject  
32 matter experts and community advocates working with utility professionals  
33 in the Green Building space to study the potential for a pilot program which  
34 includes comparing the established program in Massachusetts to the Austin  
35 climate, as well as modifications that may need to be made to have a  
36 potentially successful pilot in Austin.
- 37           **2. Program Details:** a. Affordable housing projects that certify with PHIUS  
38 may be eligible for financial incentives based on budgetary approval and  
39 availability. Projects may be required to share construction cost data, both  
40 hard and soft, and post-occupancy energy data.
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42 department shall provide regular reports to the City Council on the progress  
43 and impact of the program, including the number of projects certified,  
44 energy savings achieved, and any adjustments or improvements  
45 recommended.

46           **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

47 The City Council directs the City Manager to explore the feasibility of an  
48 Austin Passive House Challenge Pilot Program and report back to Council by  
49 second quarter FY 2025.

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51 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

52 Myrna Rios  
53 City Clerk  
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