



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

28           **NOW, THEREFORE,**

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

30           The City Council directs the City Manager to establish a passive house program  
31 that includes the following goals:

- 32           1. **Establishment of the Austin Passive House Challenge Program:** The  
33 City of Austin hereby establishes the Austin Passive House Challenge  
34 Program to incentivize the development of affordable housing projects that  
35 achieve certification from the Passive House Institute US (PHIUS).
- 36           2. **Program Details:** a. Affordable housing projects that certify with PHIUS  
37 shall be eligible for financial incentives of up to \$4,000 per housing unit,  
38 paid in three milestone payments during design (\$1,000 for hiring a  
39 consultant and committing to certification), construction (\$1,500 for  
40 precertification), and completion (\$1,500 for final certification). b. Funding  
41 to be delivered to the project developer in the form of grants. c. Projects are  
42 required to share construction cost data, both hard and soft, and post-  
43 occupancy energy data.
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45 Austin Energy budget to support the design and implementation of the  
46 Austin Passive House Challenge Program.
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48 provide regular reports to the City Council on the progress and impact of the

49 program, including the number of projects certified, energy savings  
50 achieved, and any adjustments or improvements recommended.

51 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

52 The City Council directs the City Manager to take necessary actions to  
53 implement and administer the Austin Passive House Challenge Program and to  
54 coordinate with relevant stakeholders to ensure its successful execution.

55 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

56 The City Manager is directed to report back to council yearly starting in  
57 2026 on the progress of this pilot.

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

60 Myrna Rios  
61 City Clerk  
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