

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.
- 41 **3. Reporting and Evaluation:** If implemented as a pilot, the appropriate city
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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