



**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Toby Futrell, City Manager

FROM: Greg Canally, Budget Officer

DATE: October 18, 2007

SUBJECT: Zero Energy Capability for New Single-Family Home Construction

Item # 36 on the October 18, 2007 Council Agenda is to approve a resolution adopting the Zero Energy Capable Homes Task Force Final Report to Council and directing the City Manager to timely bring forward those measures outlined in the Report necessary to meet the goal of achieving zero energy capability in all new single-family home construction in Austin by 2015.

This item involves reducing energy consumption for newly constructed single-family homes. Details of these recommendations and their potential benefits and can be found in the Zero Energy Capable Homes Task Force Final Report to Council on the October 18, 2007 Council Agenda.

This item requires work on code amendments, specifically the Building Code. The staff support for this effort is the Law Department. We estimate that this effort will require 2 attorneys from the Law Department working a total of 120 hours. Though full-time equivalents and additional hours are required to complete this project, backfilling of resources is not necessary.

Per the report, any required code amendment changes will be incorporated into the next code review cycle.