

## **RESOLUTION NO.**

**WHEREAS**, sustainable building practices conserve energy, water and other natural resources, promote human health and safety, create high-quality and enduring structures, enhance economic value and reduce costs over the life of a building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Austin Climate Protection Plan mandates enhanced incentives and requirements for Austin Energy Green Building (Green Building); and

**WHEREAS**, the City currently has multiple policies, regulations and programs that require or incentivise Green Building; and

**WHEREAS**, new Green Building requirements are being contemplated within the context of an array of policies, regulations and programs currently under development; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of citizens, business and the City that higher standards and greater uniformity be brought to the City's various policies requiring Green Building; **NOW THEREFORE**,

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

Directs the City Manager to:

1. Prepare an analysis of the various policies, regulations and programs that require or incentivise Green Building in the City of Austin;

investigate the feasibility of making these policies, regulations and programs require an enhanced and uniform level of Green Building; and make a recommendation to Council as to this uniform standard.

2. Perform a review of other zoning categories, land-use designations, policies, regulations and programs, and make recommendations for additional areas in which Green Building should be required.
3. Investigate and make recommendations on strategies/policies to increase housing affordability through energy and water efficiency and other sustainable building practices to the greatest extent practicable in the City's affordable housing programs and initiatives, including potential requirements for Green Building participation.
4. Seek and receive public input on these recommendations through the City Boards and Commissions process.
5. Bring forward to Council resultant policy recommendations in a draft ordinance no later than March 1, 2008.

**ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2007

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk