

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the city has an interest in ensuring that residential rental properties are safe and well cared for in every area of our community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has identified an opportunity to facilitate improved compliance with building safety codes; and

WHEREAS, other cities including Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Raleigh, North Carolina as well as College Station, Sugarland and Fort Worth, Texas have implemented successful residential rental property registration programs to ensure the safety of their residents; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is hereby directed to work with interested stakeholders to develop a registration program for residential rental properties. Consistent with many registration programs elsewhere, this program should require registration for multifamily rental properties and identify conditions under which registration for single family or duplex rental properties would be required. The program should feature initial and periodic inspection to confirm a property's compliance with applicable standards including critical health, safety, maintenance, zoning, building and fire codes. The program should establish provisions for addressing noncompliant residential rental properties in ways intended to promote compliance and protect public health and safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is further directed to present to Council a plan and timeline, within 30 days, for the development and final implementation of such a program, to include input from all interested stakeholders.

ADOPTED: _____, 2009

ATTEST: _____

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk