

RESOLUTION NO. 20121101-039

WHEREAS, the City is committed to ensuring that all residents of rental properties throughout our community are safe in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin has an increasing number of aging multifamily housing structures that might not be maintained to meet the standards of health and safety; and

WHEREAS, renters forced to immediately vacate a property in response to official determinations of unsafe conditions or other compliance issues at a site may experience undue hardship and require emergency assistance from the City and the community; and

WHEREAS, emergency displacement situations can benefit from the coordination of and communication among staff from several City of Austin departments, area school districts, and nonprofits, as well as emergency personnel and community members and other social service resources; and

WHEREAS, an integrated emergency tenant displacement response plan is currently being developed by city departments to address the needs of displaced residents; and

WHEREAS, single family residents may also be impacted by a catastrophic event such as a fire or flooding, and any new policy should also help those residents get back in their homes as soon as possible and/or begin the rebuilding process; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Manager is directed to seek input from interested stakeholders including area school districts, nonprofits, and community members regarding desirable components of an integrated emergency tenant displacement response plan that details standard operating and communication procedures in addressing the needs of tenants displaced from rental housing for health and safety reasons. The City Manager is further directed to provide this proposal and any related policy recommendations on or before February 15, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

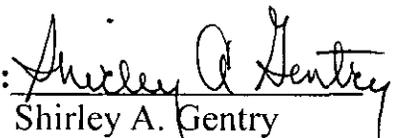
That the City Manager communicates the final plan to applicable constituencies and interested stakeholders and makes the plan readily available to the public upon request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That in the event of a fire, flood, or other catastrophic event homeowners should have the opportunity to apply for "hardship" consideration to allow expedited demolition and building permitting.

ADOPTED: November 1, 2012

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry

City Clerk