

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the City Code Section 25-2-511 (Dwelling Unit Occupancy Limits) places restrictions on the number of “unrelated persons” that may reside in a dwelling unit; and

WHEREAS, the language in Section 25-2-511 may have unintended consequences on nontraditional families that are not related by blood, marriage, or adoption; and

WHEREAS, nontraditional families are functionally equivalent to families related by blood, marriage, or adoption, operating as a single housekeeping unit and sharing the entire dwelling unit as well as household responsibilities including expenses, with the intention of promoting a non-transient and stable living arrangement; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to ensure that all families, regardless of marital status or sexual orientation of the heads of household, are treated equally in the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, talent, technology and tolerance have been discussed as three important elements of current and future successful, vibrant American cities and the synergy of these elements existing in Austin serve as one of our biggest economic development engines; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

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

The City Council initiates amendments to City Code, including Section 25-2-511 (*Dwelling Unit Occupancy Limits*), that are necessary to ensure that traditional families and nontraditional families are treated in an equal manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to process the code amendment and present the amendment to City Council, on or before November 30, 2013.

ADOPTED: _____, 2013 **ATTEST:** _____

Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk